

Mahoosuc Arts Council cancels April programs

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A member of the Downeasters Chorus, Arnie Jordan also occasionally performs as part of a pick-up barbershop quartet. In a photo (above) from the early 2000s, Jordan (third from left) sings at the Fryeburg Fair with Ted Tracey, Bob Gunn, and the late Dave Hankins. Right, Jordan at his Locke's Mills home.

(Submitted photo; A. Chapman)



Arnie Jordan finds his harmony

BY AMY CHAPMAN

Arnold Jordan of Greenwood has kept pretty close to home throughout most of his 80 years, devoting his time and energy to his family, his church, and his town.

But a passion for singing—specifically, for singing four-part, close harmony barbershop music—has him hitting the

road regularly for rehearsals, concerts, and conventions.

This summer Jordan, who sings bass with the Downeasters Chorus, will travel with the group by chartered bus to "Bridge to Harmony," the 2015 International Barbershop Convention, to be held in Pittsburgh June 30 – July 5.

Jordan was born and

raised on "Crazy Knoll," the close-knit neighborhood tucked between the Greenwood Road and Howe Hill Road in Locke's Mills. Since the early 1960s, he and his wife Pearl have made their home on the Gore Road, where they raised their four children in a cozy house overlooking North Pond.

When he graduated from

high school and turned 18, he began working at the Ekco-Tebbetts mill. He remained there for nearly 30 years, with the exception of a two-year stint in the U.S. Army that included an 18-month tour of duty in post-war Korea.

After leaving the mill, Jordan worked at other

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Bethel budgeters OK \$10,000 for bus; question fairness of town staff pay

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel budget builders last week approved a recommendation of \$10,000 for the Mountain Explorer bus service, to be voted upon at the annual June Town Meeting.

They also discussed the fairness of potentially paying the new recreation director's position \$11,000 annually for 14 hours a week worked, compared to the \$4,800 annual stipends for the town's fire chief and ambulance director.

Selectmen and the Budget Committee met March 10 to work on the municipal budget.

MOUNTAIN EXPLORER
The Mountain Explorer bus service is struggling financially this year, with declines in state aid and local business support. To try to save the service for next year, the

towns of Newry and Bethel were asked to double their financial contribution from \$5,000 annually to \$10,000. Newry residents trimmed that request to \$7,500 at their March 3 Town Meeting.

In the Bethel discussion, Selectman Peter Southam said the question to be answered is, "Is this a service that we think is valuable, that serves our community and our town and our businesses, or isn't it?"

Town Manager Christine Landes said the overall ridership this year has been about 11,000.

Resident Todd Wheeler said if residents use the bus, that could make it valuable, but if it serves just businesses, taxpayers should not have to support it.

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Purchase/sale agreement for boat landing

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With a purchase and sale agreement for \$75,000 in hand for a property on Route 26 next to North Pond, Woodstock can now apply for a state grant to enable the town, together with Greenwood, to build a new boat ramp.

The half-acre property is near the intersection of Rocky Road and Route 26.

The current boat access, located nearby, is scheduled to be closed by the Maine Department of Transportation because it is considered unsafe to traffic. Without a ramp, large boats could not be put in and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would stop stocking the pond with fish, town officials have said.

The grant, through the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, would pay for 50 percent of the cost of the overall project, with Woodstock and Greenwood splitting the rest, Maxfield said at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting. Part of North Pond is located in Greenwood.

Maxfield estimated the entire project would cost \$120,000, including engineering design, building removal and site work. The grant application must be

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Gilead Town Meeting: Bucket loader fix, paving proposed

BY ALISON ALOISIO

On March 28 Gilead voters will consider a budget that would require \$20,000 more be raised in taxes over last year.

The \$192,574 proposed would include an increase for the Fire Department, road paving and repairs to the town bucketloader. The Fire Department is requesting \$28,000, up from last year's \$21,000, according to Town Clerk Lin Chapman.

She said equipment purchases are needed to meet state requirements.

The road paving request, for \$20,000, is for a stretch of the North Road on Wight's Hill.

The bucketloader needs \$10,000 in repairs, per the recommendation of the road commissioner.

Accounts with smaller increase requests include \$500 more each for cemetery and street light expenses.

One bill residents will not have to pay is debt service on a fire truck loan, which was paid off last year, Chapman said. Last year's payment was \$17,478.

In town elections, incumbents Selectman Alfred Leighton, Road Commissioner Fred Corriveau, Town Clerk/Treasurer Lin Chapman, Tax Collector Judy Perrille and School Committee member Lise McLain are all expected to run again, Chapman said. She said she did not know of other candidates at this time.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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Woodstock to elect selectman; decide fate of Up & Go Center

BY ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday's Town Meeting, Woodstock residents will elect a new selectman to replace the retiring Rick Young.

So far, only Shawn Coffin has expressed interest, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Young has served three terms (nine years).

Residents will also be

asked if they wish to sell the 19th century Up & Go Community Center (Union Church) at the intersection of Route 26 and Andrews Road in South Woodstock. The building has structural

problems, and a citizen committee concluded it was not worth fixing.

Only the building itself would be sold, Maxfield said. There has been some interest expressed in it, he said. If it is not sold it would be taken down, he said.

The half-acre lot left behind would be made into a park-like area, said Maxfield, and could be used for parking for people visiting the cemetery across the street.

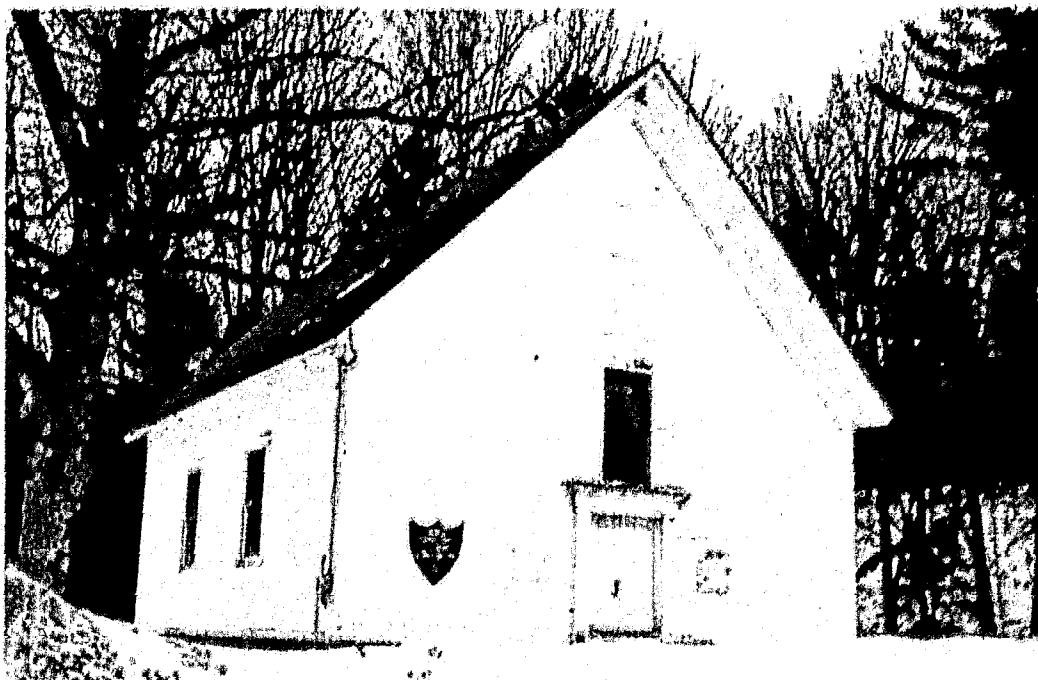
Another article asks if residents wish to amend the Dog Control Ordinance by requiring anyone who plans to establish a facility to keep more than three dogs at one time for protection, rescue or other service for dogs, or a kennel situation, notify abutters by certified mail within 1,000 feet at least two weeks in advance of their intent to apply to the town or state for a permit.

Also on the warrant is a proposal to reduce the number of members of the Planning Board from seven regular members and two associates to five and two, respectively. Maxfield said there has been difficulty of late in finding people to serve.

Money articles
If all money articles are approved and Maxfield's estimate for next year's SAD 44 share is correct, the mill rate would rise from 11.95 to 12.18. The amount raised from taxes would increase from \$2,224,075 to \$2,317,306.

One article recommends up to \$30,000 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account to buy a new stainless steel combination sander/body for the town's 2007 orange Sterling 8500 plow truck.

The Town Road Maintenance Account for Winter Roads will increase from \$125,000 last year to \$175,000 this year, if approved. Maxfield said the cost of diesel



The Up & Go Community Center (Union Church) in South Woodstock.

File photo



Bethel Rotary's 8th Annual Wine & Beer Tasting Event
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White Cap Lodge at Sunday River
To Benefit Community Projects & Scholarships \$30 Per Person
Heavy appetizers provided by the Good Food Store plus wine & beer! Live dancing music.
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www.bethelrotary.org

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Letters

ARTS COUNCIL CANCELS ALL APRIL PROGRAMMING; STAKEHOLDER SURVEY PLANNED

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Arts Council must solemnly announce that all of our April 2015 K-12 in-school programming will be cancelled due to critical funding and in-kind cuts not factored into our current fiscal year. These cuts have made it impossible to fulfill the artist fees for our slated programs, forcing us to cancel programming for the first time in our 29 year history.

To be specific: The productions of Liars & Believers' Icarus at Gould, Telstar and Hebron April 6-8 will not take place and the production of Piti Theater's Innocenzo at Crescent Park Elementary April 15 will also not take place.

The council is making this situation into an opportunity and not accepting it as a failure. The council is taking the next two months away from regular operations to refresh governance and operations through grant-supported strategic planning consultation with Lift360. A main effort will be to initiate and evaluate a Stakeholder survey to learn how the Mahoosuc Arts Council and our programming is perceived throughout the community in an effort to evolve to better meet changing needs on all levels of the community.

A link to this Stakeholder Survey is available on our website: www.mahoosucarts.org, until March 23, or you may e-mail: info@mahoosucarts.org to request a link. Please take a few moments to answer the questions, so that we may work to better serve all of our constituents, from very young students to elders and everyone in between.

With all this said, know we have jumped to action and devised a new projected budget to triage these fatal budget cuts. We have reduced the amount of artist fees we can cover, and have chosen several renowned performing groups within that new range that offer the top quality educational and entertainment value expected of Mahoosuc Arts Council programming. We are very excited to be able to offer free workshops and master classes around the performances for the first time next season.

In the meantime, the 26th Annual Bethel Art Fair is well underway with more than half the common already reserved for artists and plans for new surprises. The preparations for the ARTironclad Auction are also under way with more new artists than ever, as are plans for our Free Summer Bandstand Concerts, every Sunday this August.

So know that we are busy at work to ensure that the Mahoosuc Arts Council continues to meet the community's high expectations.

If you have any questions or thoughts to share with the council, or would like to help support the council's programming, please contact us anytime: info@mahoosucarts.org or 207-824-3575.

*Aranka Matolcsy, Executive Director
Mahoosuc Arts Council*

BRING BACK CASABLANCA

To the Editor:

Crazy Sisters Bottle Redemption in Bryant Pond would like help get Casablanca reopened. We have set up a bottle drive in shop to get donations. Also if anyone would like to donate bottles and cans to bring Casablanca back we will give six cents per container to Casablanca.

Please help us Bring Back Casablanca.

*April Wells, Janie Knox, Jacqueline Packard, and Cathy Kahkonen
Crazy Sisters*

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STILL RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

This item comes to you from the solarium at the Rumford Hospital where I have had two surgeries and am now on the way to complete recovery.

This will be a very personal message to all of you out there in Bethel Citizen readership land. When I filed my papers in January for the position of selectman, I certainly did not have any idea I would find myself in the present physical situation I'm experiencing. Some people have expressed a concern that because of my accident I might resign immediately if elected on March 24. That is not the case. I have made this commitment to the Town of Andover, which I intend to keep.

In working on the Tax Map Committee and seeing that process through over the last two years, I've learned that there is much to be done to upgrade the assessing in our town and I wish to be able to move that forward. Taxation is meant to be fair and equitable for all and since there has been such a wide swing of real estate values over the last 20 years our valuations are no longer fair and equitable. Therefore one of our priorities should be a professional revaluation of the town real estate.

In addition to that large project we need to update our Comprehensive Plan. Not having one affects the ability of the town to apply for certain grants and also means we are out of compliance with state regulations. These are the things I wish to address if you elect me to the board on March 24.

As you may or may not know I served on the board for a period of 9 years during the 70's and 80's before seeking election to the position of Oxford County Register of Deeds, Eastern Division which I held for 20 years. All of this experience will help me to serve all of you faithfully. While I would like to be present at Town Meeting that does not seem possible at this moment. That circumstance, however, has not kept me from examining the Town Report which has enabled me to be "up to speed" about our finances.

Since there are four people running for the office of selectmen it shows that there is concern among many of our citizens about our local government, so please come out and vote on the 24 and attend Town Meeting on the 21, where you can also enjoy a great lunch put on by the Service Circle.

I am so looking forward to returning to Andover.

*Jane Rich
Andover*

THANKS FOR THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the young couple that pulled up by my disabled car and offered their help. Wednesday late morning I was almost to Trap Corner, en route from Bethel to Stephens Memorial to visit my 98-year old "auntie" friend, when my right front tire suddenly went flat. I pulled off the road into an empty dooryard and proceeded to call AAA. While I was on the phone, the couple stopped and offered to change my tire and I gratefully accepted. Turns out it could have been quite a wait for AAA to send someone, likely from Rumford, to my aid.

Within 15 minutes or so, the young man changed my tire, I had a nice conversation with the young woman, and we parted ways. They didn't need to stop for the Massachusetts car and its older driver, but they did. We didn't exchange names, but I will remember their willingness to help. The kindness of strangers is a wonderful thing and I hope they will remember how appreciative I was and still am.

*Nancy Fenton
Bethel*

MOOSE FESTIVAL UPDATES/CLARIFICATIONS

To the Editor:

We have so much to share with all of you regarding the upcoming Moose Festival, as well as some clarifications we think we need to make. This is such an exciting opportunity to bring new business to our region with the goal of benefiting the entire community!

We appreciate the Moose Lottery as one of the larger facets of this year, but the event is predominantly a celebration of the Bethel area and Maine's outdoor heritage. The Chamber is pleased to be working in a true partnership with the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center – and much of what we have planned is designed to raise awareness of that incredible organization and all that they offer to children, as well as adults. Their fundraising at the event, as well as the golf tournament scheduled for Sunday, will be raising funds to help local children attend the Camp.

It is also a celebration of the many businesses that make their living helping individuals experience the outdoors in a safe and respectful way. Our Guiding tradition is a very important part of our economy and one that we will be showcasing at this event.

There will be tons of things for children and families to do! Ron Fournier of Orion Outfitters and the 4-H Camp is scheduled to visit the local elementary schools to introduce a coloring contest to the K-3rd graders and also to teach the children how to "moose call!" Bill Green, from Bill Green's Maine, is coming to capture this activity on film and it will be aired on his show on April 6th. Local children (and adults) are welcomed to enter the Moose Calling Contest to be held at the Bingham Auditorium on Friday, June 12th from 6 – 8 pm. We are very pleased that the Maine Warden Service and North Woods Law will be there to sign autographs and talk about their work. Games offered by LL Bean, archery offered by the 4-H Camp, and many other activities will make the day full and fun for the entire family!

We did receive permission to close a portion of Main and Broad Streets for the event. Mostly we need to close the section of Broad St. between Main and Mason Sts. as there will be several large trailer exhibits including the LL Bean Bootmobile, the Forever Locked Moose Exhibit, Bassmaster trailer, and Operation Game Thief. We have received feedback from businesses on Main St. that they are fine with the closure on Molly Ockett Day, but they would prefer us not to close Main St. for the Moose Festival. As of now, it is just the section of Broad St. that will be closed to vehicular traffic.

You may keep abreast of event additions through the website www.bethelmainemoose-fest.com. Vendor spaces are filling fast, so if you are interested, contact us soon!

Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director

PREVENTION IS THE BEST APPROACH

To the Editor:

Our Governor's proposed budget suggests the elimination of efforts to establish a public health infrastructure for the state. I understand it's all about shifting money to other areas, but I also understand that the best way to improve health and lower costs for families and businesses in Maine is to prevent illness and addiction, not treat it after the fact.

I'm no expert, but studies done by the experts have shown that for every dollar Maine spends on prevention, \$7.50 is saved in health care, treatment and public safety costs.

The Healthy Maine Partnerships are community-based coalitions and are part of Maine's public health infrastructure. The networks across the state, including municipalities, schools, hospitals and health care providers, businesses and volunteers, are imperative to reduce chronic disease rates, the primary drivers of high health costs. Seventy-five percent of chronic disease could be prevented through reducing tobacco use and exposure, increasing physical activity and improving nutrition and decreasing substance abuse. These efforts cut costs now and in the future for government, businesses, hospitals, schools, families and individuals.

The proposed cuts are especially harsh since these are Fund for Healthy Maine dollars, a special settlement from the tobacco companies. These funds are not taxpayer dollars and are intended to prevent disease and promote good health.

The Healthy Maine Partnerships are investments in prevention. Public health saves lives and reduces the burden of chronic disease on individuals and families. It takes a huge collaborative effort and cannot be accomplished by health care providers alone.

*Patty Duguay
Byron*

SEWER BILLING CONTROVERSY

To the Editor:

Let's talk about the town's sewer billing controversy.

After attending the Selectmen's meeting a couple of Monday nights ago when the floor was opened for a discussion of the sewer bills – why they are so high and how and who gets billed – I think I finally understand the real issue.

On more than one occasion during that meeting, it was stressed by the Selectmen and the Town Manager that their priority was to make sure the town could pay for the overbuilt sewer facility. Overbuilt? That was their word, not mine. So now the bills go out to generate revenue no matter how unfair those bills may be. The minimum bill of \$121 per quarter is a joke!!!

However, as I understand it, billing is based on usage and if you have no meter or are at the minimum usage you must pay that \$121 – even if your water may be turned off for the winter season. Come on! But there is one more part of that billing process that I don't understand. It seems that the more water a dwelling (home, resort or even a private school) uses the less per cubic it costs that dwelling. Doesn't that sort of encourage OVER-USAGE? Is the town at all concerned about conservation?

Shouldn't the town's real priority, in this case, be to conserve a valuable resource like water and not encourage its overuse just to get a better sewer rate? Don't you think that the town has it backwards? Shouldn't those dwelling units that work hard to conserve water be rewarded with the lower cost per cubic and not the highest? And shouldn't those dwelling units that use the most water be charged the highest rate per cubic perhaps to encourage them to watch what they use and conserve that valuable resource?

Just asking questions here that perhaps the Selectmen ought to be asking themselves – don't you think?

*Carmine Castaldo
Bethel*

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Scott Campbell and his Maine Mountain Post and Beam crew were disassembling a 200-year-old barn at Bean's Corner in East Bethel.

Mary Baudo, MA had recently started teaching exercise classes at the Toe Tappin' Jazz Dance Studio.

Deaths: Thomas J. Ford, Thomas H. Ryan III, Michael E. Richards, Donald A. Stecher, John R. Gaugler, Jr., Stanley B. Lord, Donald A. Aylward, Robert M. Cummings, Jr., Maxine A. Bean, Dale Everett Smith.

20 years ago: Bethel's dial-in internet connection was up and running and the Bethel Data Corporation was signing up local users.

Maine Handicapped Skiing celebrated its 10th anniversary Ski-A-Thon with 600+ participants raising a record \$247,000 in support for the program.

Deaths: Mina K. Coolidge, Jeanette Potsaid.

30 years ago: The State Planning Office announced a grant of \$100,000 to Mt. Abram for a snowmaking system.

Bethel's Kirk Siegel won the 20-kilometer race in the New Hampshire Biathlon Championships at Bretton Woods.

Deaths: Jesse H. Doyon, George G. Akers, Sarah G. Andrews.

40 years ago: Telstar's Scott Smith, Levi Brown, and Eric Dombkowski were among the top ten finishers in the New England Inter-scholastic Ski Championship Jumping contest.

A fire at the Bethel airport destroyed a hangar and Cessna 170 airplane owned by Harold Clukey and Ronnie Hodgkins.

Births: Bradley Stephen McLain, Andrew Shaw Billings, Christopher Jorge Leon.

Deaths: Harriet M. Duran, Carroll W. Holt, Jr.

50 years ago: About 200 Brownies, Girl Scouts, and fathers enjoyed a father-daughter banquet at the Congregational Church.

The fire department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bailey for a chimney fire. Considerable damage was done to two rooms which had recently been painted and papered.

Birth: Suzanne Marie Hibler.

Deaths: B. Colby Ring, Carl Dudley, Mrs. Ula Parsons.

60 years ago: Stanley I. Perham reported a valuable find of caesium ore in the mica mine at Nobel's Corner, Norway.

Rowena Gilbert and Alanson Lovejoy had perfect attendance for the 12-week winter term at the West Bethel Primary School.

Births: Jacqueline Bartlett, Kathleen Foster Grey.

70 years ago: Free space for Victory Gardens was available. One plot was on the so-called Marshall place, owned by Pat Murphy.

Cutting and hauling of pulpwood was placed on the National Production Emergency list.

Death: George Van Buren.

80 years ago: Cleveland Bartlett of Framingham, Mass., purchased Ralph Day's place at East Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Day moved to Woodstock.

Deaths: Eli Stearns, Mrs. Rebecca A. Hamilton, Dr. William Rogers Chapman.

90 years ago: John M. "Dutchy" Reid was fatally burned by steam and hot water at the E.L. Tebbets Spool Mill at Locke's Mills.

Death: Jonathan Hodgkin Bartlett.

110 years ago: Dana Philbrook was hauling brick for the house he was to erect on Mechanic Street in the spring.

The Bethel National Bank opened its doors to business. In the first ten hours after opening, \$10,000 was received on deposit from new, unsolicited business.

Deaths: Miss Annie Gordon Wright, Mrs. Sarah S.R. Gerts, Miss Emily Chapman.

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Notes from the State House

BY REP. FRAN HEAD

This week I would like to focus on some of the initiatives contained within the proposed state budget, and a way of eliminating the income tax which readers may find to be of interest.

As it is now, I believe that the tax code in our state is outdated, and presents a real opportunity to make changes which will benefit small businesses, veterans, and senior citizens.

Maine is one of only two states with negative population growth, and I suspect Oxford County is one of the oldest in the state. For this reason, I believe that lowering the income tax (with the goal of eventual elimination) could very well be exactly what we need to attract new businesses to expand here.

Many of my constituents have asked me about the proposed state budget. I am supportive of the reduction of income tax rates, as well as the proposed repeal of the estate tax. In addition, I agree that military pensions should be exempt from the income tax.

The above proposals are commendable, and I look forward to keeping my constituents updated on the progress which is made in these efforts throughout the legislative session. There is certainly more work to be done, and many questions remain unanswered as to how to best pay for the proposed tax cuts.

The Bangor Daily News recently reported that Gov. Paul LePage is planning a statewide ballot measure next year which could amend the constitution in order to eliminate the income tax. I'll be very interested to see how far this proposal gets, and look forward to supporting ways to make Maine more competitive regionally.

The seven states with no income tax are Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Tennessee and New Hampshire have no income tax on wages but do tax interest and dividends. If voters decide to pass the proposed ballot measure, Maine would become the 10th state in the union to have no income tax.

Eliminating the income tax entirely may serve as the change we need to make Maine competitive again. While it is still soon to establish a firm position on this ballot measure, the proposal is definitely worth exploring further.

From the Woodstock Town Office

BY VERN MAXFIELD, TOWN MANAGER

Town Meeting time is now in full swing in most of Oxford County. Woodstock's Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Woodstock Elementary School at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 23.

With that in mind I thought it might be worthwhile to 'talk' with you for a few minutes about how we develop the annual Woodstock budget.

Our intent in budgeting the last few years is to use as little fund balance or "surplus" money as possible to reduce the tax commitment. This helps to insure that we do continue to have funds available without having to borrow. We need to keep in mind that by auditing standards we should maintain 3 to 4 months of expenses on hand. In Woodstock's case that would be \$550,000.

In the event that State Revenue Sharing should "go away" as is now being discussed in the Legislature, Woodstock will not feel the pinch as bad as some towns because we have not always "banked" on having it. We have received less and less over the last 5-8 years and have allowed for that in our budgeting. You can see the decline since 2007 in the following list.

2007 - \$ 89,088.78	* 2009 - \$ 76,493.25
* 2011 - \$ 57,438.26	* 2012 - \$ 55,499.86
* 2013 - \$ 48,033.98	* 2014 - \$ 34,767.02
* 2015 - TBD	

In putting together the budget proposal for 2015 we have had good discussions about needs versus wants, and we always come down on the side of needs. Even in so doing the budget keeps creeping.

We are all aware our own cost of living goes up ev-

ery year and I can tell you that we have this in mind at each meeting. Often times we think about cutting back in some areas, and we have, but we have also found that in the long run small annual increases are appropriate because in most situations prevents occasional sharp increases.

We decided to increase the amount of money that is set aside for future fire equipment purchase this year. The cost of all equipment is incredible, but Fire & Safety equipment costs are astronomical. I must praise the Woodstock Fire Department for choosing to purchase very good used equipment (two quality trucks this year for less than \$70,000.00) for our needs rather than purchasing ultra-expensive new equipment. I remember in 1989 Woodstock purchased a truck with body, plow, wing and sander for just under \$50,000 in 2011, Woodstock purchased a truck equal to that one at a cost of \$150,000!

The budget has been designed the last few years to include funding to tackle a section of road each year to rebuild and or redesign. This has helped us to maintain better roads with safety in mind. It is an ongoing job to properly maintain roads with the ever increasing amounts of traffic and heavy loads. The better the surface, the better the roads can be plowed in the winter.

In an effort to conserve energy, we have had Energy Evaluation Testing completed at the Library, the Town Office and the Public Works building. Many good suggestions were made and we have already put some of the suggestions to work. We are now looking at the possibility of recommending a pellet boiler system for the Town

Office. The current boiler is 20 years old, and we all know it won't last forever.

Other costs of maintaining the operations of the Town have remained very much the same for 2015 as they were for 2014.

Please take the time to come to attend your Town Meeting. Even though most of our budgets now have very little "wiggle" room in them, it is important to be a part of the process.

Woodstock

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Selectman Rick Young (second from right) at his last board meeting Tuesday. After serving three terms he decided against running again. With him are, from left: Selectman Steve Bies, Selectman Ron Deegan, and Town Manager Vern Maxfield. A. Aloisio

fuel, sand and salt is going up, and the town has had to buy more salt than usual over the past two years.

The employee health insurance account would rise by \$15,000, primarily because of the addition of a family, Maxfield said.

The Building Maintenance account is proposed to increase from \$12,000 to \$17,000 in order to paint the Whitman Memorial Library.

The G&W Transfer Station budget will drop from \$90,000 to \$85,000, thanks to reduced tipping fees and increased recycling, Maxfield

said. New equipment for the anticipated change to single sort recycling had already been purchased.

Going down is the line item for the code enforcement officer/licensed plumbing inspector, from \$13,000 to \$3,000. New CEO Jeff Warden serves on an on-call basis, Maxfield said, so there are not as many hours as previously.

Selectmen propose to increase the annual amount raised for the Fire Truck Reserve Account from \$20,000 last year to \$30,000, because truck prices continue to increase. The town recent-

ly bought two trucks, and Maxfield said he does not anticipate more purchases in the immediate future.

In other elections Monday, SAD 44 Director Sheryl Morgan's term is up. Maxfield said she is expected to run again, and no one else has indicated interest in the position. Also up is Whitman Memorial Library trustee Stacey Millett's seat. She is not running, but Alice Deegan is seeking the position, Maxfield said.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Boat

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The property on North Pond for which Woodstock has a purchase and sale agreement for possible construction of a new boat ramp. The building would be taken down and the access would likely be from the nearby Rocky Road, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. A. Aloisio

submitted by June 24, he said.

If the grant is approved, a special Town Meeting would likely be held in both towns to consider approving funds, Maxfield said. The property currently has an old camp

on it, which would have to be taken down. It is owned by Floyd and Valerie Sumner, he said.

Maxfield said the hope would be to access the new ramp from Rocky Road. He said that so far there

have not been a lot of pond boat owners expressing concern about the possible loss of the current access. But when the ramp was initially closed two years ago by MDOT, a citizen complaint to the state prompted it to

be reopened 48 hours later, Maxfield said. MDOT then gave the towns time to look for alternatives before closing it permanently.

Selectman Steve Bies said Tuesday he is not yet sure if he will support the project.

Jordan

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area manufacturing plants before going to work for the U.S. Postal Service in 1986. He retired in 2002 after six years as Postmaster in North Waterford, having previously worked at several other post offices.

Jordan keeps busy in retirement. In good weather, he walks regularly for exercise and spends many hours maintaining his home and yard. He and Pearl have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, most of whom live nearby.

He is a seven-year member of the Greenwood Board of Selectmen and a longtime co-head trustee of the Locke's Mills Union Church, where he has sung in the choir "practically forever," he said, beginning when he was a teenager.

Even before that, he remembers singing as part of the congregation during church services and being told by those around him that he had a good voice and should join the choir.

In 1988, at the urging of a friend, the late Stan Andrews of Woodstock, who sang with him in the church choir, Jordan joined the Hillsmen Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society based in the Oxford Hills area.

Andrews was a charter member of the Hillsmen when the group formed in the 1970s and also sang in

a barbershop quartet, the Balladeers, with fellow Woodstock resident Gil Whitman.

"They talked me into joining the Hillsmen," Jordan said, and he sang with the chorus for over 20 years until, facing dwindling membership and the loss of its director, it disbanded in 2009.

"Then I had to make a decision about whether I wanted to continue," he said.

By then, singing barbershop harmony had become an important part of his life, and he decided to take the plunge and join the Downeasters, a barbershop chorus based in the Portland area.

Each Monday evening, he makes the nearly 90-minute drive from his home in Locke's Mills to the Tuttle Road United Methodist Church in Cumberland, where the Downeasters rehearse from 7:00 until 9:30.

Two other members of the chorus, Tere Porter and Ron Blake, live in Norway, and the three share rides to weekly rehearsals.

"We draw from a very wide area," Jordan said of the Downeasters. "We have members from New Hampshire, and some from the Augusta area."

There are other barbershop choruses in Bangor, Waterville, Brunswick, and Camden. All are part of the Barbershop Harmony Society's Northeast-

ern District, which also includes the other New England states, eastern New York, and several Canadian provinces.

Weekly rehearsals are followed by a business meeting.

"I usually get home about midnight," Jordan said.

It's a big time commitment, but one he is willing to make to be able to continue singing classic American barbershop music, and to be part of an organization he describes as "like a fraternal group."

"When you first join, there are 13 songs that you try to learn as soon as you can," he said.

Those songs include traditional favorites like "My Wild Irish Rose," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," and "Down By the Old Mill Stream," and all are classic examples of the barbershop genre.

Having a shared set of standards that all members know and can sing means that everyone who participates in barbershop harmony music can sing together at conventions, or fill in at a moment's notice if a quartet needs a substitute singer.

"You all become friends," Jordan said.

Barbershop music—past, present, and future—According to the website of the A Cappella Foundation, barbershop music probably really did originate in barbershops, and

has its roots in traditional African-American music, blues, jazz, and gospel.

During the last half of the 19th century, barbershops served as unofficial community centers where men gathered. Often, pick-up quartets would form, with one voice singing the lead, or melody, and three others harmonizing the tenor, bass, and baritone parts.

Barbershop music began to fade into obscurity in the 1920s, but was revived in the late 1930s with the formation of the Society for the Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, now known as the Barbershop Harmony Society. A similar organization for women singers, Sweet Adelines International, formed in 1945.

The BHS has nearly 25,000 members across the United States and Canada, organized into 17 geographic districts. Each district holds an annual convention and contest, with the winning quartets and cho-

rus advancing to a competition at the International Barbershop Convention.

The Downeasters first appeared on the international stage in 2010 when they attended the annual convention in Philadelphia after winning the Northeastern District chorus contest the previous fall.

Jordan said that at last fall's Northeastern District competition, the Downeasters narrowly missed winning first place, but because the winning chorus, Vocal Revolution, based in Concord, Mass., had won for four straight years, "They decided to let someone else go this year."

The annual convention regularly draws between 6,000 and 8,000 attendees, and has had as many as 10,000. This year's event will be held at the Consol Energy Center, home of the NHL Pittsburgh Penguins, with participants housed in eight downtown Pittsburgh hotels.

In addition to the chorus

competition, the international convention also includes collegiate-level and quartet contests, as well as an opportunity for BHS members to sing with previous quartet champions.

The future looks bright for barbershop music, Jordan said interest continues to grow, and the Downeasters have been gaining members.

"Right now, we have two high school kids singing with us, and there are a couple of college kids who join us when they can," he said. "Men are either invited to join, or attend a performance and decide to drop in at a rehearsal to listen."

On May 9 at 7 p.m., the Downeasters will present their annual show at Yarmouth High School, where they will be joined on stage by members of the high school chorus.

They will perform in Cape Porpoise at the Church on the Cape at 7 p.m. on May 17, and at Deertrees Theatre in Harrison on Aug. 1.

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Briefly

Trooper placed on leave

LEWISTON-State Police Trooper Ronald Turnick, who patrols in Oxford County, has been placed on paid administrative leave. According to Steve McCausland, spokesman for Department of Public Safety, the administrative leave was imposed March 7 and is open-ended, meaning no return date for Turnick has been set. McCausland said the leave was the result of a personnel matter, which he is not permitted to discuss under Maine's employment privacy laws. Turnick has been with the State Police for 8½ years, McCausland said, but he wasn't able to say whether there is any disciplinary action on his employment record. According to a 2013 Public Safety press release, before joining Maine State Police, Turnick was an officer in Ohio. He graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro in October 2003, when he was assigned to Troop A in Gray and Alfred. Turnick has been the primary investigator on a number of high-profile incidents and crimes in Oxford County, including the 2013 fatal bicycle accident on Route 2 in Hanover during the annual Trek Across Maine, and the 2010 fatal accident on Route 26 in West Paris that killed 60-year-old Richard Ray of Naples. Prior to moving to Maine, Turnick was employed as a corrections officer with the Elyria Police Department in Ohio from late 2000 to 2003, and then took a job as a patrolman with the Lorain Police Department in Ohio, where he worked until August 2006.

Bethel

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Selectboard Chair Stan Howe said he recently rode the bus to gauge the usage. "I was amazed at how many kids were on it," he said, adding that parents had told him they put their kids on the bus to ride to Sunday River to ski. Budget Committee member John DeVivo thought the service was worthwhile. "To say it doesn't do anything for Bethel is incredibly naive," he said.

Landes said Gould Academy has been talking to the bus service to possibly work out a partnership for transporting their students to Sunday River, allowing the school to eliminate some of its own buses.

Budget Committee member Jim Bennett said on the first bus run of the morning about a half dozen people get on near the Sudbury Inn.

The two panels eventually approved the amount to recommend as part of the Public Works budget proposal.

DEPARTMENTS

DIRECTOR'S PAY
A topic that generated some animated discussion arose under the recreation budget proposal.

At last year's Town Meeting, voters approved a new part-time recreation director position to plan and carry out youth sports and other recreation programs. The pay approved was \$8,000 a year, for approximately 10 hours a week.

But new Director Heidi Godomsky, who started work in September, has been averaging 14 hours a week, and the Recreation Committee as a result requested \$11,197 for next year, town officials said.

Selectman Don Bennett said the expectation of selectmen had been that they would have received specific information outlining what had been accomplished with \$8,000 this year, before considering how to recommend funding for next year. He had expressed the same concern at last week's selectmen's meeting.

Rec Board member Todd Wheeler said there had been some miscommunication about a rec representative attending last week's meetings, and as a result no one attended the selectmen's meeting. Wheeler said to the budget discussion to provide some explanation. He said the director has needed the hours "just to get things up to date," in the wake of the committee itself struggling to piece together the programs over recent years.

Sunday River, 15 other resorts could be sold

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

A real estate investment trust that's considering getting out of the snow business could sell more than dozen ski resorts from Maine to California that are worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

CNL Lifestyle Properties owns 16 resorts including Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Bretton Woods, Loon Mountain and Mount Sunapee in New Hampshire, Okemo Mountain in Vermont, Crested Butte in Colorado, Brighton in Utah, and Northstar-at-Tahoe and Sierra-at-Tahoe in California.

If CNL sells them all to one buyer, industry officials say it would be the

largest single ski resort transaction in the history of the sport — though skiers might not notice the sale at all.

CNL will evaluate options for its remaining properties including ski resorts, theme parks and marinas "in the near future," said Steve Rice, senior managing director of CNL Financial Group. Besides selling them, alternatives include a private buyout or listing on a publicly traded exchange.

"We're taking a studied and careful approach," Rice said.

REITs are an investment vehicle for a variety of properties including hotels, office buildings and malls, but they are new to the ski industry in the last 15 or so years. There's only one other REIT that's a big player in the ski industry, Missouri-based EPR, said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association.

CNL Lifestyle Properties was valued at as much as \$3 billion in 2012 with ownership of more than 100 water parks, ski resorts, marinas and senior housing developments before the value dropped in the aftermath of a real estate downturn.

The REIT is nearing the end of its projected lifespan and anticipates having an "exit strategy" in place by Dec. 31. In June, CNL agreed to sell 48 golf properties

for \$320 million. In December, it announced an agreement to sell its senior housing for \$790 million.

Ideally, the remaining ski properties, theme parks and marinas would be sold, and the company enlisted Jefferies LLC, an investment bank, to evaluate options.

Any sale wouldn't have any significant impact on skiers because the resort operators' long-term leases will remain in place even if the properties change hands.

"At the end of the day, from a customer standpoint, it's not going to alter reality that much," Berry said.

Ski resorts, which are at the mercy of weather and the economy, can be good investments as long as the owners have a long investment horizon, said Michael Krongel from Mirus Resort Capital in Burlington, Mass., who's been involved in buying, selling and developing ski resorts for 45 years.

REITs like Florida-based CNL bring in revenue through rent paid by ski resort operators like Michigan-based Boyne Resorts, which holds long-term leases for Sunday River, Sugarloaf and Loon Mountain.

A Boyne official said skiers needn't worry about the potential sale of their beloved ski mountains.

"For the skier, it's a nonevent," said Steve Kircher, president of eastern operations for Boyne, which will remain the lease holder, regardless of ski resort ownership, for several more decades.

Bob Rogowsky, who skies 70 to 80 days a year at Sunday River, said most skiers are pleased with the investments that have been made since CNL bought the resort and Boyne began running it in 2007.

He's confident enough in the stability of the resort that he recently bought a retirement home in the area.

"I wouldn't have made that kind of financial commitment and lifetime commitment if I didn't believe there was stability and a good future," Rogowsky said.

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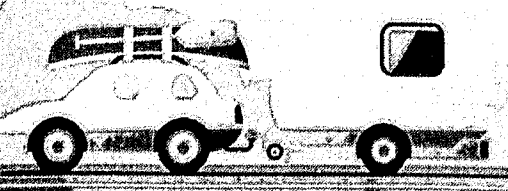
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Budget Committee member John DeVivo agreed. A rec coach himself, he said the rec director's position might be worth \$11,000, but "for guys who run fire and ambulance in this town, \$4,800 is a little ridiculous."

Wheeler also expressed his support for better pay for them. "It's good that you two have the passion that you do or we wouldn't get the results," he said. "You guys are worth five times that. It's not that the rec director isn't worth it."

Howe and Landes said the town officials are now aware of the situation and will deal with it next year.

The selectmen plan to deal with the rec director pay issue at their board meeting on Monday.

BASKETBALL COURT
Wheeler was asked to update officials on progress on a basketball court planned for Pathway land behind the Big Apple on Route 2.

He said the land has been cleared of trees and brush, thanks to the donated efforts of Cross Excavation and Bob Blake. Cross contributed two days' worth of work from two trucks and drivers, as well as fuel, to clear brush and stumps. Jack Cross also donated his time and an excavator, Wheeler said. Blake hauled off logs and got \$1,300 for them.

"It's ready to be filled in the spring," said Wheeler, and the project has about \$6,300 available.

SIGNS, ROADS, TRUCK, BRIDGE, WASTE
Other budget items of note

discussed and approved for recommendation to voters were \$20,000 to go toward purchase of roadside directional sign posts and assemblies; \$9,150 for ambulance service uniforms, to replace 15-year-old ones that no longer comply with OSHA safety standards for visibility; a capital improvements budget of \$630,320 (including road improvements, fire truck and recycling compactor purchases, and Cole Block repairs); a solid waste budget of \$412,099, up from last year's \$354,368, due in part to an increase in cost to haul off solid waste and construction debris; \$303,000 for police protection from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department (same as last year).

Yet to be finalized is the budget for the replacement of the Smith Farm Bridge, which was originally planned as a project to be shared among the town, the county and the state for an estimated cost of \$300,000. But last week engineer Jim Sysko contacted Landes and told her of a 2009 engineering plan he had drawn up for the work, and that it could potentially be updated to save the town and county money, without involving the state. The budgeters approved up to \$75,000 for the town share if the state option ended up being the preferred choice.

Landes said Monday that Sysko has since come up with an overall estimate of \$64,000 for the project, to be split with the county, for selectmen to consider for the Town Meeting warrant.



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Sometimes life truly is stranger than fiction. I was talking to my step-daughter recently and we were commiserating over the high cost of...well everything. She told me that she had just bought a new battery for her car and was shocked at the price.

She said that two mornings in a row her car failed to start during sub-zero temperatures. Since she had bought the car used she did not know how old the battery was so logical thinking told her to replace the darn thing.

Her thinking was sound, but as it turned out so was her battery. The very next morning the car failed to start even with the new expensive battery. A friendly neighbor helped jump-start her car and told her she needed to make sure that she shut her headlights off when she got out of the car. She said that she always did. The neighbor said that he had looked out the window the night before and the lights were on. Why he didn't bother to let my step-daughter know that the night before is a mystery.

That evening my step-daughter just happened to look out her window and saw that the headlights were indeed on again. She had not driven the car at all that day. Now, I find that pretty spooky.

After a trip to an auto mechanic my step-daughter found out that some type of faulty switch was to blame for the nocturnal turning

on of the lights. Unfortunately the switch cost even more than the battery that she didn't need.

I said all the right words of sympathy all the while thinking how fortunate I am that I had no vehicle problems. I guess I should not have been thinking that way because the very next day my car's electrical system started doing some very mysterious things of its own.

The next day the rear wiper was still wiping without any assistance from the switch that turns it on...

First the rear window wiper started wiping without being engaged. That is very weird. Then the automatic door locks started going up and down for no reason at all. It was getting weirder by the minute. All of this was really freaking me out because nowhere in my budget could I find room for a major car repair.

The next day the rear wiper was still wiping without any assistance from the switch that turns it on and the door locks were still dancing up and down. Then the dash panel lights joined in the spooky game with a flickering light show and my headlights and I assume tail lights started blinking on and off. This seemed a

like something out of a Stephen King novel. I once read. I consulted my son as I always do when baffled by anything mechanical, which happens to be everything mechanical.

"I think I just need a new alternator belt," I told him expecting him to say he would pick one up and change it for me.

"It's not the alternator belt Ma," he patiently explained with a little bit of chuckle in his voice. "I think you have an electrical short somewhere in the system."

"But you can fix it, right?" I ask hopefully.

"No," he said firmly. "Electrical issues are the hardest things to figure out. Engine problems I can fix, electrical problems, no way!"

Well, that certainly wasn't what I want to hear. I was beginning to feel like I was in an electrical nightmare. There is just no room in the finances for this type of repair unless I want to give up food for a while and maybe heat as well.

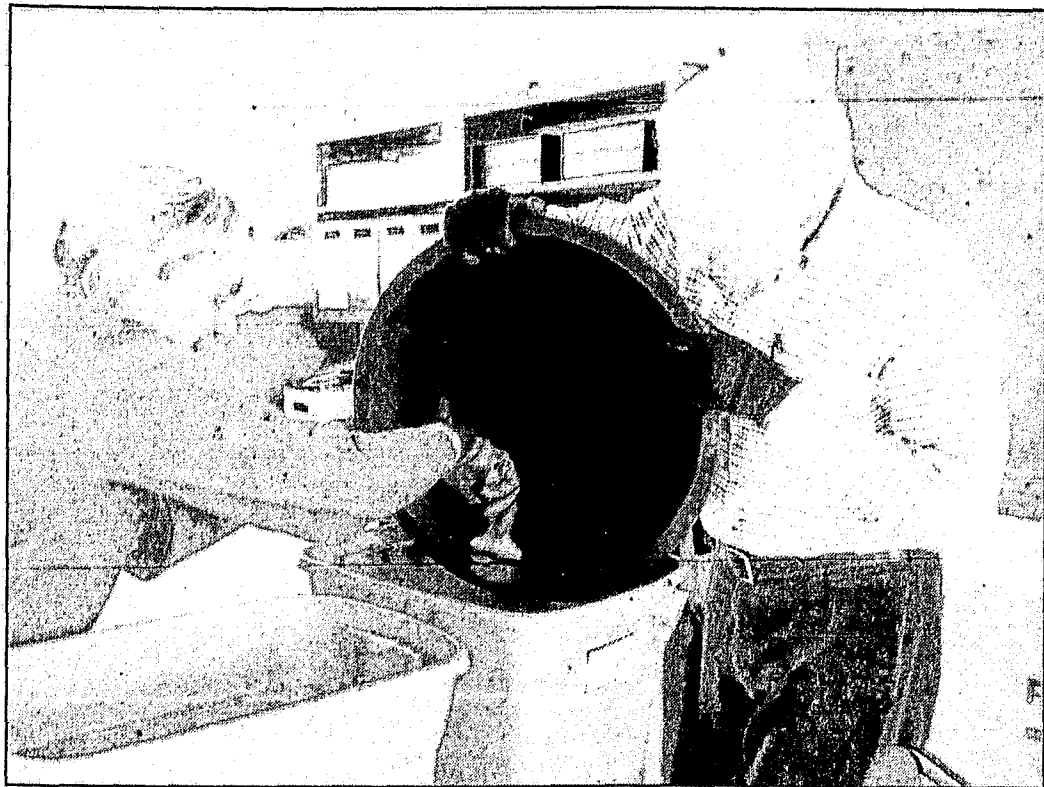
I think things are settling down into some kind of pattern that I can live with. Now when the automatic door locks engage the rear wiper swishes once, the door locks go up and down three times and the dash panel lights flicker only once.

I guess as long as the car starts and I'm not at risk of breaking down on the highway I can live with strange actions of locks, lights and wiper, but the way I see it, it's still pretty darn scary.

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VERMICOMPOSTING IN GREENWOOD—Members of the Sustainability Committee of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce created worm composting bins a year ago under the direction of Jock Robie of Gorham, and meet at the Greenwood Town Office every three to four months to harvest worm castings for compost from their bins. Left, Jan Boyce and Robie remove composted worm castings from Boyce's vermicomposting bin. Right, Laurie Herron prepares to sift worm casings from the material in her vermicomposting bin with help from Susan Robie (right). Jock Robie learned the process from his father, who began using worms to create compost in the 1980s. He now maintains 30 bins of his own. Each bin of worms can be fed about a pound of plant-based kitchen scraps each week and, under the right conditions, will yield a harvest of nine to 12 pounds of nutrient-rich worm castings every three to four months. Since 2011, Robie has led workshops and provided materials to groups who want to learn the techniques of vermicomposting. His website, mainlywormbins.blogspot.com, contains detailed instructions for starting and maintaining a vermicomposting bin and harvesting the castings. *A. Chapman*

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Norway Memorial Library announced last week that tickets are now available for "An Evening with Richard Blanco," which will take place on Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. This will be the first event in the library's Lifelong Learning Fund Program, a series

established to honor long-time librarian Ann Siekman who retired in 2011. Blanco, the 2013 Inaugural Poet, will present a program of poetry, prose, and commentary. The event will be held at the Second Congregational Church, UCC, in Norway. Tickets are \$10 and are now available at Books N Things in Norway and the Norway Memorial Library.

Last week warm temperatures seemed to be creating an early mud sea-

son. Scared that the snowshoe season was ending too quickly, my coworkers and I took advantage of the later sunsets to hike the trails at Roberts Farm Preserve and Witt Swamp in Norway. There was still plenty of snow on the trails. The short .7 mile loop trail into Witt Swamp had been well traveled by humans and deer. One coworker saw a deer cutting across the trail in front of us; the rest of us were too busy chatting. However, our experience at Roberts Farm Preserve was dampened by the overabundance of dog feces on the snowshoe trail. We spent all our time watching our feet instead of the trees, birds and view of the lake. Dogs are welcome at many local parks. I love dogs and think they should be welcomed, but as their human guardians and protectors, we are supposed to pick up what our animals leave in public parks and on the trails. It takes little effort to stuff a few bags in your pocket, and when necessary to bend

over and scoop up the poop, close the bag and carry it out of the park.

On Saturday, my snowshoeing experience was totally different. I snowshoed the Ring Hill Trail at Maggie's Nature Park in Greenwood. If you haven't hiked these trails in the winter, you are missing the broad sweeping views of the ponds and surrounding mountains that will be invisible once leaves open in the spring. There's still plenty of snow on the trails, which are packed enough to be hiked with or without snowshoes. From the top of the Ring Trail, you can see skiers coming down the trails at Mt. Abram. I always end my hike at the park with a trip around Maggie's Loop Trail, a short mostly flat trail that meanders around trees, boulders, and a small brook. Maggie called this her "old lady's trail," a trail that we could hike around even as we got older. The trail is easily accessible from the parking lot. A ski pole or walking stick makes it easi-

er to navigate a slight incline leading to the trail. Right now, and perhaps for another week, blue and green ice cascades down the ledges adjacent to Maggie's Loop Trail. The volunteers and Town of Greenwood have done a great job maintaining this park. Unlike other years, there was very little dog poop. I noticed one small pile. I think the signs at the trailhead have had an impact on dog owners. The sign posted by the Town of Greenwood says, in part, "If your dog poops in the trail, remove the poop... Your dogs are tolerated at this time, but if the poop issue does not improve soon, they will

no longer be welcome." The other sign, my favorite, has a bold headline that reads Dog Doo-doo, and then continues, "Doo-doo is not good for hiking boots and snowshoes. Keep our trails clean so your pet will be welcome. Thank you."

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Well, it seems to me that spring can't come soon enough so I can get more news

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, March 10

At 8:41 a.m. a Bethel resident reported her vehicle being struck on Crescent Lane. Deputy Dave Hodgson was investigating.

At 10:35 a.m. Deputy Chris Davis received a report of trucks on a posted road in Woodstock. The deputy went to the site of a logging operation and advised that they needed to operate at the appropriate temperature.

Wednesday, March 11

At 10 a.m. Chief Deputy Hart Daley received a report that a subject in Bethel had made harassing and threatening statements to an organized group.

At 2:48 p.m. deputies responded to Back Street in Upton for a report of a domestic assault. Robert Dapolito, 69, was arrested.

At 8:29 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Newry for a report that a subject had threatened four people, but none would go to the police. The complainant did not elaborate.

Sunday, March 15

At 2:16 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to the Monkey Brook Road in Newry for an accident with injuries. A driver had tried to avoid a plow truck, struck a snow bank, and flipped over.

Friday, March 13

At 8:31 a.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Dani Welch performed a traffic detail in Bethel. Six stops were made. Five citations and one warning were issued. There were a total of nine charges.

At 11:44 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown received a report of a traffic offense on Church Street in Bethel. The vehicle was stopped and several violations were found. The driver was summonsed and released.

Saturday, March 14

At 4:31 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned to investigate the theft of a \$600 ski tuning bench that was stolen from condos in Newry.

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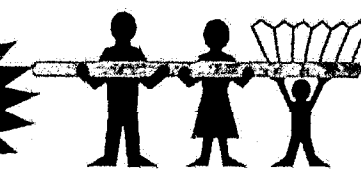
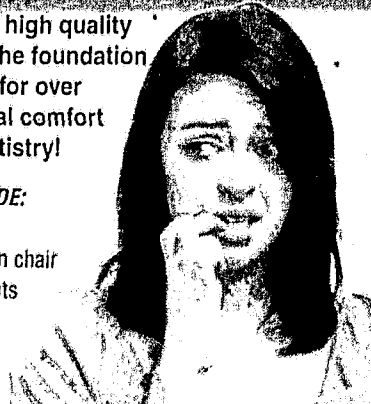
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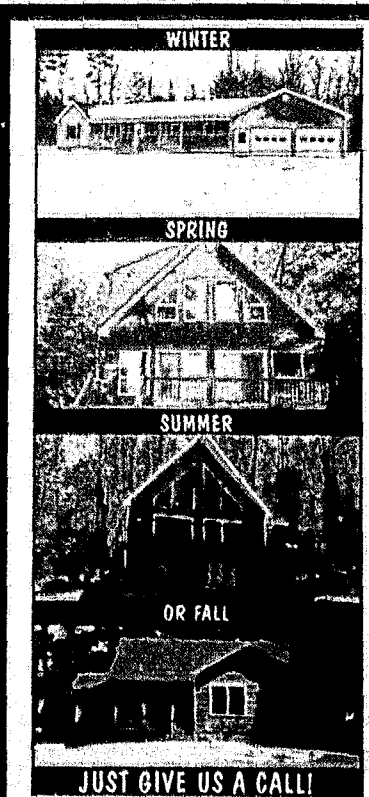
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again. The word out and around is that folks just haven't been doing much due to the extreme cold. Mostly staying home and tending the wood stoves and not wanting to go out at night. The back roads are worse either way and more so at night.

Jeffrey Hastings was here from Corinna visiting his parents, Bettyann and Sonny. His daughter Jennifer, who is a senior at UMO, also came and they went skiing together at Mt. Abram.

I welcome calls at 507-1008 or e-mails at heinrichcracker@gmail.com for news, tidbits, questions, trivia answers and suggestions. Plus, don't forget you can always come and see me at the InnSide Shop.

Have a great week.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, March 7 at the home of Alice Hoyt. Plans were made for things to do for the 200th Celebration of the Towns. Also planning a basket making and lunch at Harrison on April 18. This will benefit both Lakeside Grange in Harrison and Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond. A potluck dinner was held. There was another meeting at the Grange Hall on Monday, March 16.

Today (March 19) is Whitman Memorial Library's program at 2 p.m. Barry Allen, local surveyor from Norway, in keeping with the 200th Celebration of the Town of Woodstock, will be presenting a program using old maps and pictures. He will give a brief history of early New England and Maine surveying with a special emphasis on surveying and lotting of the eastern half of Woodstock, known as

Gorham Academy Grant, based upon the sealed original field notes of surveyor James Irish, Jr. The public is welcome to attend at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVOW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday evening, March 9. Plans were made for the Senior Citizens dinner. Some talk about what we can do for the 200th Anniversary Celebration. Letter from Dept. President Elsie Bonney asking members to plan on the Dept. Convention June 26 in Waterville. Next meeting in April will be at the Grange Hall. President Vicky read an article on ironclad ships in battle on this date in 1862.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



Another snowstorm this past weekend. I think that should be about enough

of winter since the first day of spring is upon us.

My brother, Steve McLain, was really pleased to see that the 8 to 10 inches predicted for this area turned out to be 1 to 2 inches.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club luncheon at the Crosstone Restaurant last week in Woodstock.

The birds are busy at the feeder. There have been more chickadees at the feeder the past few months than I have seen in quite a while. Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal appear just about every day.

Short column this week. I guess there is no news fit to print from Gilead.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Newry

By Doug Webster



The sap has been flowing for about a week now. It sure is a good sign to see the sap flowing. It means that warmer weather is on the way. I hope we continue with this, I would say, rather typical winter, and have a nice spring. I guess by the time you read this, we will have had a little more snow. But the sun sure is strong. And all the snow we get now is good for sapping. Good luck to all my fellow sugaring kin.

After reviewing the counter-proposal from the school board, I am wondering if common core and standards based education, which meet the new federal and state mandates for graduation and curriculum standards, has a new standard for negotiating. I know the new standards have a lot of different ways to solve problems, but I didn't expect them to teach how to negotiate by having one side move farther away from the middle rather than closer to it. I have to admit, that is definitely thinking out of the box. Like the paper has stated, the two sides seem to be very far apart. I hope they can come together and compromise so the townspeople will have a proposal they can vote on.

My brother and I rode from Newry to Bethel on snowmobiles Saturday afternoon. All the trails had been groomed, and it was a beautiful day. The Matterhorn Restaurant must have had 20 sleds parked outside when we went by. When we got to the Big Apple/Dunkin' Donuts, it was a snowmobile traffic jam. There had to be 20 or more sleds waiting there to get gas. I'm sure the other gas

stations and restaurants in Bethel saw a lot of traffic as well. Snowmobiling is one of the biggest economic tourist-based engines in the state. The Bethel area could easily double its sled traffic by marketing to snowmobilers. Support for the Bethel club should be discussed at town meeting as is done in Newry. Bethel should monetarily support the club so they can keep the trails groomed up and continue to upgrade the trails for safety and better riding. Maybe a committee could be set up to come up with a plan with new ideas for how to make all the local businesses interconnected with the sanctioned town trail systems, using maps and signage. The money that Newry gives to the Newry club has really helped with upgrading the trails.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Ladies Aid breakfast was poorly attended last Sunday. The end of the breakfasts, for this year, is coming soon. There are only a few more opportunities to enjoy the breakfasts and the socialization this season.

Looking out the window, it doesn't look like spring is coming soon. However, the sun is much stronger, and the crows are starting to holler, so maybe spring will happen in a few weeks.

Tentatively, the date for the first meeting of 2015 of the Upton Historical Society is April 12.

The first 2015 meeting of the Letter B Notch Riders, also tentatively, will be April 19.

Both of the meetings are officer election meetings. They will also set the goals and schedules for the respective clubs for the year. All members who can attend should.

The Upton Planning Board is scheduled to meet Friday, March 27.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover selectmen's meeting minutes

Excerpts from the March 3 meeting

Fire Chief: Rob wanted the board to know that he would not be in attendance at Town Meeting. He had some concerns about something that was said last week at selectmen's meeting. He stated that the Treasurer had said that the "Town Office staff who work the polls should get a paid lunch. The Fire Department pays for their volunteer's lunch's when they work a fire." Rob said that these two instances should not be compared. Volunteers are not paid employees and when they are called to a fire they can be at the scene sometimes in excess of 10 hours, it's the least he can do is pay for their lunch. Please refer to audio for a more in depth discussion.

Rob said that he did not put in for raises this year; he feels the staff that hold these positions are paid a stipend as a "thank you" for doing their job.

Rob stated that Engine 41 is scheduled for its annual maintenance down in Massachusetts and they will at that time make any repairs needed from the incident that happened last week. The aerial ladder truck has been inspected and will be certified. Rob also stated that he contacted Swasey's and left a message for someone to call him back about submitting a bill for helping the Fire Department last week at the South Arm Road fire.

A MOTION was made (Keith Farrington) and seconded (Jim Adler) to approve and sign the Town Meeting warrant, all in favor, MOTION carries.

Custodian: Twyla asked the selectmen if it would OK for her to spend an extra 1-1/2 hour to clean the light fixtures of the flies that get trapped over the winter. Selectmen agreed to the one time request.

Town Treasurer: Barbara reported that things were going well with the ICS account; Money Market account is now closed. Barbara went on line and confirmed that the money had been transferred successfully.

OXBAR Notification: The Stickneys have submitted another appeal to OXBAR. Judy suggested that they send a copy of this appeal to Mike Rogers.

Assessor's Letter of Engagement: Selectmen discussed if there would be a need to engage Mr. Stevens this year. If the town should approve the revaluation we would only need Mr. Stevens to assess a few properties this year and maybe we could change some of the wording in the engagement letter. Selectmen decided to wait until after Town Meeting to make a decision. A MOTION was made (KF) to table signing the engagement letter with Mr. Steven's until after Town Meeting, seconded (Judy Tabb), all in favor, MOTION carries.

Grimaldi Field: Local residents are interested in using part of the field to plant sunflowers. Selectmen did not have an issue with the field being used, however they would like Barbara to check with the local clubs that use the field during the summer to make sure that the plants won't interfere with anything that has already been planned. Selectmen want to make sure that the mowing will not be affected as well. Barbara is still getting more information and will follow up with the Board.

Budget Request Letters from Mahoosuc Kids and RVGC: Selectmen received letters from both these agencies requesting funding from the town, however they were received too late to bring to the Budget Committee for their recommendations. The secretary has drafted a letter to both agencies acknowledging their requests but notifying them that the request was received too late. Selectmen signed letters and they will be mailed out tomorrow.

Road Postings: Judy read in the Selectmen March Calendar that this was the time for Selectmen to vote and approve the Road Commissioner to go ahead and post roads. A MOTION was made (KF) to have the Road Commissioner post roads at his discretion, seconded (JA), all in favor, MOTION carries.

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

March 11, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on March 11. Officers present were: The three Selectmen-Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Linsley Chapman; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. Vote was taken to approve payment of the bills listed on the warrant. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion: Regarding a taxpayer's request about receiving Homestead Exemptions and the amount of real estate tax that is owed by the taxpayer as of this date. Result: Treasurer prepared a statement outlining the amount of the 2013 lien that is held by the Town on the property. Administrative Assistant wrote a letter explaining rules about filing for Homestead Exemption.

Vote: Board of Selectmen to sign the letter and send it to the taxpayer along with the information on the 2013 lien. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Note: Homestead Exemption paperwork must be filed in the Town Office by April 1st for that tax year. To qualify for the exemption a person must be a resident of the Town of Gilead. A resident taxpayer should contact the Town Office if a Homestead Exemption does not show on their tax bill.

Discussion: The previous groundskeeper for the town, Dylan Gordon, has resigned. The selectmen made note of the excellent job that he did last summer. Result: The Administrative Assistant will place an ad in the Bethel Citizen for two weeks to find a replacement. Hiring will be at the discretion of the selectmen. For more information, call the Town Office (836-2115). Vote: to place ad. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion: Regarding the ongoing problems between

the Road Commissioner and the Town Clerk, who is also Linsley Chapman, a taxpaying resident of the town. Result: Selectmen reported on their meeting with the lawyer. The fact that both individuals are elected limits what action the town can take. This leaves Mrs. Chapman to pursue the issue as a taxpaying resident of Gilead.

Discussion: Town Meeting on March 23. Result: Selectmen will see to setting up the Town Hall and getting it ready for the meeting.

Discussion: Annual Town Report. Result: Mrs. Chapman had finished compiling the Town Report and presented copies for the Selectmen. Selectmen approved and signed the Warrant for Town Meeting. Mrs. Chapman will deliver the report to the printer. Vote: to approve Warrant. All three selectmen voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman is writer of these notes from the meeting.)

Maine Wabanaki speakers in Norway

On Sunday, March 29, 1 p.m., Arla Patch and Cheryl Schaffler, representing the Maine-Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will speak on Truth, Healing and Change. They will present the history, necessity and process of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Within the next few months, the findings and recommendations of this commission will be presented in various statewide events. The presentation on March 29 will give residents in the Oxford Hills area a chance to understand the need for this commission and what it aims to accomplish in its effort to give voice to truth and promote healing and change.

For more information, contact Norway Universalist Church, norwayuu@gwi.net.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met March 11 at the Crosstone Restaurant in Woodstock for their meeting and dinner with 46 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag and offered a prayer. Caroline Gould led in the singing

of "God Bless America." Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The raffle was won by Joan Cole and the door prize by Ruth Sobocinski.

The next meeting will be April 8 at Roosters Roadhouse in Mayville. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. and the

meeting starts at 11:10 a.m. The menu is a choice of Yankee pot roast or fish and price is \$13. Reservations must be made before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your choice.

Fran Head asked for suggestions for programs and trips.

The program for April will be a presentation from the Bethel Senior College.

Lise McLain had a painting done by her granddaughter which will be raffled off to benefit the club. Tickets will be available next meeting.

Haley Tripp from the Bethel Rescue was present to take blood pressures for members.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having March birthdays: Patricia Burnham, Ruby Coolidge, Elizabeth Gilbert, Lise McLain and Alta Smith.



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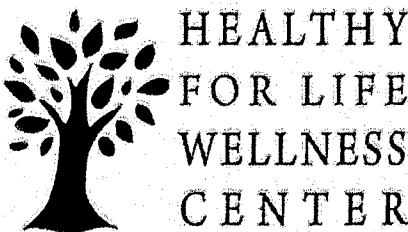
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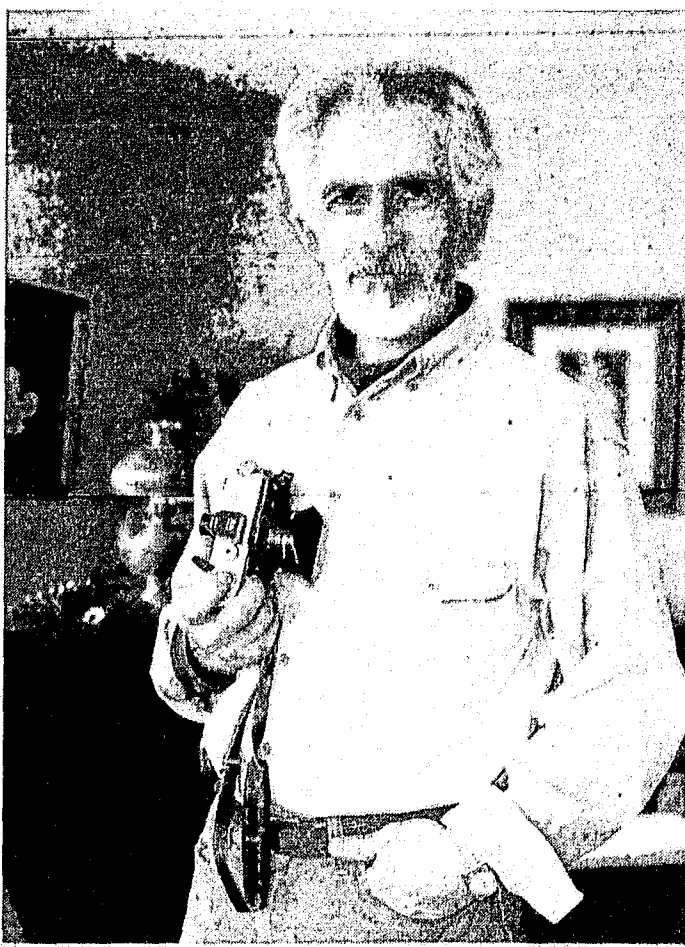
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Seed saving presentation

As part of its continuing winter series of free presentations, the Old Squire's Farm Market is pleased to host a talk on seed saving by Mark Silber, well known horticulturist, photographer, author and seed saver, Saturday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m.

In the early 1970s, Mark Silber and his wife Terry started Hedgehog Hill Farm in Sumner. At that time, they were commuting between Maine and Boston, where they had professional careers. In Maine, they participated in the early movements to start farmers' markets (they started several in Rumford, Portland, Auburn and Lewiston), MOFGA, and farmer-to-consumer venue exploration. Hedgehog Hill Farm became their main focus, when they moved to Maine in 1978. They sold produce, made coleslaw for Arby's restaurants, grew a nursery, a dry and cut flower business, and, innovatively, gave workshops on many horticultural and culinary topics. Together, they wrote two books, published by Random House, about everlasting and growing vegetables and herbs. In 2006, Mark closed the farm, three years after Terry's death.

He is an anthropologist,



a documentary photographer, and an ardent seed saver, who developed several of his own varieties, and who still has a garden way too big for one person. The Old Squire's Farm Market is a year-round farmers market with a wide variety of local foods (fresh and prepared), herbs, herbal prepara-

tions and hand-crafted items. For further information about Old Squire's, please call Cindy Creps at 577-1612, e-mail Patricia Verrill at harvestmoon-produce@gmail.com or stop by the Market on Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Market is located at 493 Main Street, Norway.

MDOT transportation planning meetings

The Maine Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings titled "Talking Transportation" to seek public comment regarding transportation issues, including public transportation.

Input from attendees will help MaineDOT understand the needs of the public and formulate its Long-Range Needs Assessment. This assessment will focus on the next 10 years and project out to 20 years.

Public comment is an essential part of this planning process. Western Maine Transportation Services plans to attend all eight sessions affecting our service area and encourages anyone with an interest in public transportation to attend one or more of the scheduled meetings.

Meeting times and locations are: March 23, 2015 at Auburn Androscoggin

Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG), 125 Manley Road, 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.; March 25, 2015 at Farmington University of Maine-Farmington North Dining Hall, 111 South Street, 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.; March 26, 2015 at Mexico Mexico Town Office, 134 Main Street, 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.; April 1, 2015 at Bridgton Bridgton Town Office, 3 Chase Street, 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.

Meetings are subject to change. Please search online for: MaineDOT Talk Transportation

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

For more information, please contact: Scott Rollins, MaineDOT Assistant Director of Planning 207-624-3300.

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Former CIA officer to present senior college programs

The Western Mountains Senior College will present two opportunities to explore elements of American society and America's foreign policy in the Midwest with retired CIA officer Ed Knox of Brunswick. Knox is a former history professor at Boston College and is the author of The New Eastern Question. During his 26-year

career with the CIA, he lived and worked in Jordan, Ivory Coast, Cyprus, Japan, and England.

On Tuesday, March 31, Knox will present a talk entitled "Modern Midwest: Power and Politics." He will explore the realities of power in the modern Midwest, including a discussion of ISIL and other extremist factions, from geographic, historic, and cultural perspectives and probe the issue of why we are on a current losing streak militarily. The program is part of the WMSC's Down Home Maine series and will take place in the McLaughlin Auditorium at Gould Academy from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The following day, Wednesday, April 1, Knox will lead a Brown Bag Lunch Discussion at the

Bethel Inn Library. Bring your own lunch and join a dialogue centered on two over-arching questions about our society: Who are we? What sort of people are we? Participants will consider such questions as: What made America great? When did we begin to fear each other and the rest of the world? When did we last feel good as a nation and about ourselves? Why have we lost faith in education, infrastructure, and government?

Both of these WMSC events are free and open to the public, but if you plan to attend the April 1 Brown Bag Lunch Discussion, please RSVP to Nancy Davis by March 27 in order to help with setting up the space: nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110.

Mahoosuc Land Trust celebrates volunteers

Over its 25-year history the Mahoosuc Land Trust has consistently expanded and enriched its service to our community - and it couldn't have reached its current level of achievement without the dedicated help of its many volunteers. On April 7, the Land Trust will celebrate those volunteers and welcome prospective new volunteers to learn how they can help continue this good work.

Are our beautiful waterways and hiking/snowshoeing trails part of what makes our community special for you? Perhaps you'd enjoy leading a group of fellow community members on a hike or canoe trip. Are you interested in conserving lands for future generations? One of the Land Trust's primary missions is to identify and manage those lands we hold dear - and you might want to help that team of volunteers. Do you like to cook? Good food is a big feature of many of our activities. Are you eager to help, but not sure where your skills might fit in (or

even if you have any skills of use)? Oh, we'll find opportunities for you!

Or maybe you're already one of our devoted followers who put in many hours to help advance the Land Trust mission. Please let us honor you - and share your enthusiasm with those who'd like to learn more about the organization.

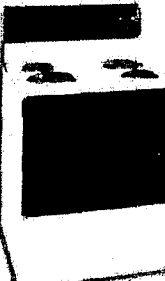
On Tuesday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., we will hold an open house celebration at the Land Trust facility next to Rite Aid on Route 2. We'll have refreshments, and volunteers from the working committees of the organization will share their work and promote an understanding of how volunteers fit into their activities. Interested members of the public are invited to visit at any time during that period, and around 5 p.m. we'll have a simple presentation. We hope to see you there.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and east-

ern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

OCEA-R meeting date changed to April 7

The Oxford County Educators Association-Retired (OCEA-R) will not meet in March. Originally, the first meeting of the year was scheduled for March 20 at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Because of difficulties with scheduling, the March meeting has been cancelled and the first meeting of 2015 will be on April 7 at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. The meeting will be on a Tuesday, which is not our usual Friday date. Members need to remember the change in the day and the date. The meal will be served by the culinary arts students at the school. Sign-ins will begin at 10:30 a.m.



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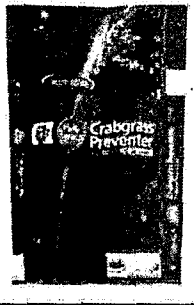
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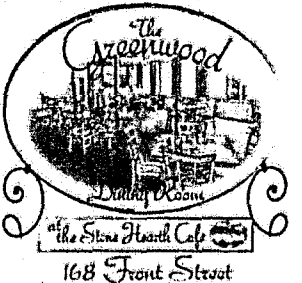
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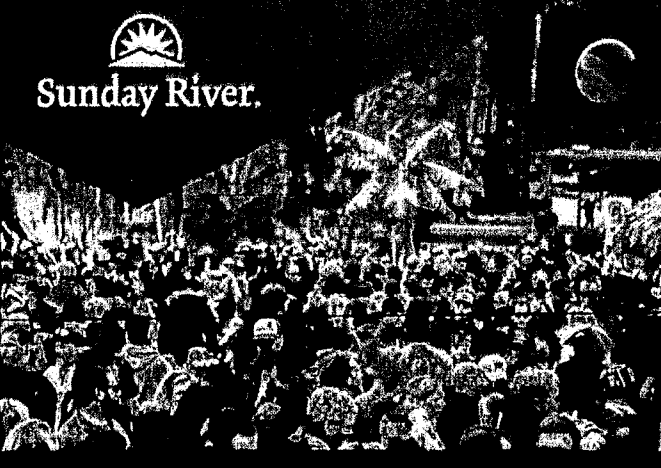
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Prime Time Ski Club news

What an interesting week it was for skiing at Sunday River last week. After a couple of days of excellent conditions, many Prime Time Ski Club members found that by Wednesday the warmer temperatures produced a soft snow that "grabbed" the skis, leaving them feeling like a face plant could happen any time, especially on the lower slopes. A strong wind, resulting in many lifts on wind hold, made it difficult to get to higher elevations and firmer snow. By Friday, when the temperatures dropped considerably, the same skiers who were looking for firm snow earlier in the week were now looking for softer snow as the below-freezing temperatures created firm and fast ski conditions. However, a clear blue sky with the sun at full tilt made up for any complaints about the snow underfoot.

So far the weather is looking very good for this Saturday which is the 30th annual Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation Ski-A-Thon to raise money for its program that offers year-round, free-of-charge sports and recreation opportunities for individuals ages 4 and up with physical disabilities. Several of our Prime Time members volunteer for the program and the ski-a-thon. Most activities are based at the Grand Summit Hotel so stop by and try the tropical obstacle course, watch the costume contest or view educational presentations. And don't forget that Sunday is the 25th Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters Race which will be held slopeside at South Ridge Lodge for the first time. A Prime Time Ski Club member is one of the judges who will decide which Bethel area eatery wins the title of "Best Chili." Chili samples are a dollar each so you can judge for yourself which one is best.

Last week's column discussed what information you should carry with you when skiing to help ski patrol in case of an accident. However, the most important piece of advice was omitted – how to reach ski patrol quickly to report an accident. Make sure that you have the ski patrol number in your list of cell phone contacts and, to find the number easily, add "aa" to the front of the "Ski Patrol" contact listing. This way the patrol number should come up first on your contact list, so you don't have to waste valuable time scrolling through your contacts in case of an emergency.

The Prime Time Ski Club year-end dinner will be held next week at the Bethel Inn. Although many of our members will continue to ski through April, some who live in the Bethel area for the winter return home the end of March. Most ski club members agree that the winter seems to pass by very quickly when you are busy skiing and socializing. So if you are 50 years or older and are looking for friends to ski with, consider joining the Prime Time Ski Club whose motto is "you never have to ski alone." The club boasts a membership of nearly 150 skiers and non-skiing spouses or partners, ranging in age from 50 to 80 plus. Anyone looking for someone to ski with on weekdays should show up at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right hand side past the bar). After a brief time for announcements, members usually break into small groups of four to eight skiers, based mostly on skiing ability and speed and terrain preference. There's still time this season to join us or put it on your to-do list for next year. For membership information and a schedule of activities check out our web site at www.primetimeskiclub.com.



A WINNER IN ICELAND-A group from the Gould Academy Competition Program has been in Iceland for the 2015 Iceland Winter Games, which took place March 6-14. In the Freeski Division, local skier Myles Barrett, 13, won gold in the Rookie group of athletes, ages 12-15. Myles beat out brothers Gauri Guðmundsson (12) and Guðjón Guðmundsson (11). "They are considered very promising and it will be interesting to follow them in the future," the IWG website said. For more go to www.icelandwintergames.com/en/press/news/iwg-results-from-the-freeski-and-snowboard-competition.

Submitted photo

MASR Ski-a-Thon Saturday

Saturday morning, March 21, over 400 Maine Adaptive students, volunteers, board members and other fundraisers will gather at Sunday River Resort to turn in their collective donations and celebrate a historic year of programming success for Maine's nationally-renowned adaptive sports and recreation organization.

This event represents months of fundraising effort to support the largest organization in the country to offer free adaptive lessons for all of its students. The Ski-A-Thon is expected to raise over half of Maine Adaptive's annual operating budget. "The positive power of our mission to change the lives of people with disabilities on a daily basis is sustained by the thousands of generous supporters contributing to the Ski-A-Thon," said Executive Director Peter Adams. "We are so excited to be celebrating the 30th year of our event. We have lots of momentum coming into the day with over 80 teams registered. We can't wait to celebrate on Saturday on the slopes of Sunday River with our community of supporters."

Everyone will gather at Sunday River's Grand Summit hotel to celebrate a full day of live music, meals and activities outside including a fun race, games, a costume contest, an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt and over 130 trails of the best skiing and riding in years.

Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation (Maine Adaptive) was founded in 1982 by Dr. Omar (Chip) Crothers, a Portland-based orthopedic surgeon and Leslie B. Otten, founder of American Skiing Company. Dr. Crothers was amazed to see a young patient of his with cerebral palsy skiing easily on the slopes at Sunday River. He spoke to Mr. Otten at Sunday River and together they created Maine Handicapped Skiing which became Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation several years ago to reflect the enormous growth in the organization which now offers summer as well as winter programs. This 30th Ski-A-Thon will look back fondly on many of the highlights from past Ski-A-Thons that have brought so much joy and independence to thousands of people with physical disabilities.

Members of the media are welcome to attend this weekend's event. Arrangements should be made by contacting Deb Maxfield, Maine Adaptive's Director of Marketing at dmaxfield@maineadaptive.org or (617) 794-7104.

For more information about Maine Adaptive, please visit www.maineadaptive.org, e-mail info@maineadaptive.org or call 800-639-7770.

Easter Egg hunt at West Paris Library

The Friends of the Library will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for West Paris toddlers through first graders at the Library on Saturday, April 4, at 9 a.m.

Baskets for collecting the eggs are available if a child does not have one. The children should be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a gift for each child, in addition to the Easter eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. The festivities will conclude with a story and a craft.

For more information, call the library: 674-2004.

Library hours: Monday and Friday 1:30 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday 1:30 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

News from the Bethel Historical Society

Women's History Month Program

On Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m., the Bethel Historical Society will celebrate Women's History Month with a program entitled "Women Soldiers of the Civil War." The free event will feature a short film followed by a discussion. Standard histories of the Civil War have framed it as a man's fight, with historical accounts focusing almost exclusively on the men who fought in the 1860s. But there were women who, despite the extraordinary obstructions of the era, also took to the battlefields. Surprisingly, more than 250 documented cases exist of women who served in the ranks of both the Union and Confederate armies dressed as men, with not a few taking the place of husbands who, for various reasons, were unable to enlist. Called "the best-kept historical secret of the Civil War," their participation in the conflict was an act both rebellious and patriotic.

Women's History Month pays tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society. The designation had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

For a full list of upcoming programs and exhibits at the Bethel Historical Society, visit our website at bethelhistorical.org or like us on Facebook.

School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 School Lunches, March 19-27

Elementary Schools

Thursday: Teriyaki dippers or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, rice pilaf, seasoned broccoli, juice choice, fresh pineapple.

Friday: Fish nuggets with tartar sauce or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with yogurt, cabbage slaw, tater tots, blueberry crisp.

Monday: Popcorn chicken or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, baked potato wedges, broccoli with cheese sauce, diced pears and peaches.

Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich on wholegrain bread or hamburger on wholegrain bun, tomato soup, baby carrots, Goldfish crackers, petite banana.

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie and dinner roll or Quick Pick with muffin, yogurt and cheese stick, green beans, dried fruit and cereal mix.

Thursday: Chicken Alfredo and bread stick or ham and cheese on a wholegrain roll, Caesar salad, strawberry fruit cup.

Friday: Maxx sticks with dipping sauce or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with yogurt, carrot and celery sticks, baked beans, fruit choices.

Telstar

Thursday: Teriyaki dippers, rice pilaf, seasoned broccoli, juice choice, fresh pineapple.

Friday: Cook's choice/fish nuggets with tartar sauce, cabbage slaw, tater tots, blueberry crisp.

Monday: Popcorn chicken, baked potato wedges, broccoli with cheese sauce, diced pears and peaches.

Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich on wholegrain bread, tomato soup, baby carrots, Goldfish crackers, petite banana.

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie and dinner roll, green beans, dried fruit and cereal mix.

Thursday: Chicken Alfredo and bread stick, Caesar salad, strawberry fruit cup.

Friday: Maxx sticks with dipping sauce, carrot and celery sticks, fruit choices.

Available Daily: Hot and cold sandwich choices, salads, Uncrustable sandwich and cheese stick, pizza choices, a la carte snacks.

Rumford Urgent Care

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- Minor burns
- Sprains

Illnesses and injuries not treated in Urgent Care include abdominal pain, chest pain, neck pain, headaches (including migraine headaches), head injuries, bleeding issues, broken bones, and children 3 months or younger.

The Rumford Hospital Emergency Department is available at all times for Urgent Care back up services.



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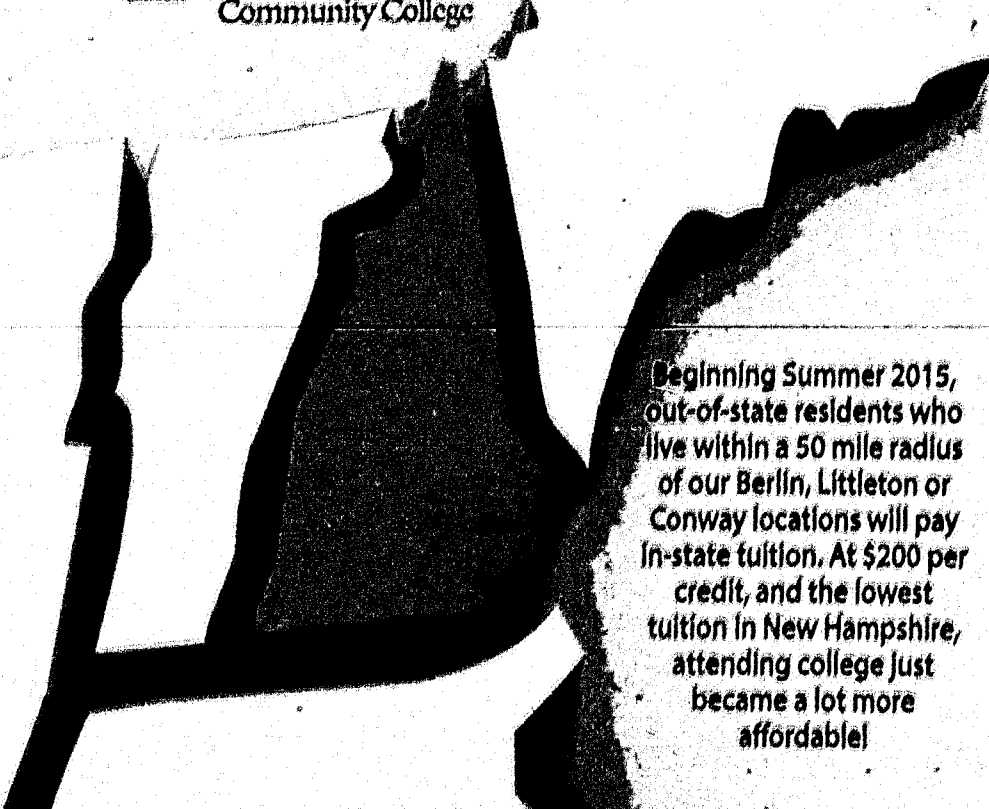
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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

MKA staff on Friday, spent the day with the folks from SAD #17 at Roberts Farm participating in a Project Learning Tree workshop. Thanks to Shane Dugan from the Maine Forest Service and Pat Maloney - Project Learning Tree Coordinator for the great day of experiences to share with our kids. The best part was hiking up to our knees in the snow to plot an acre of land!

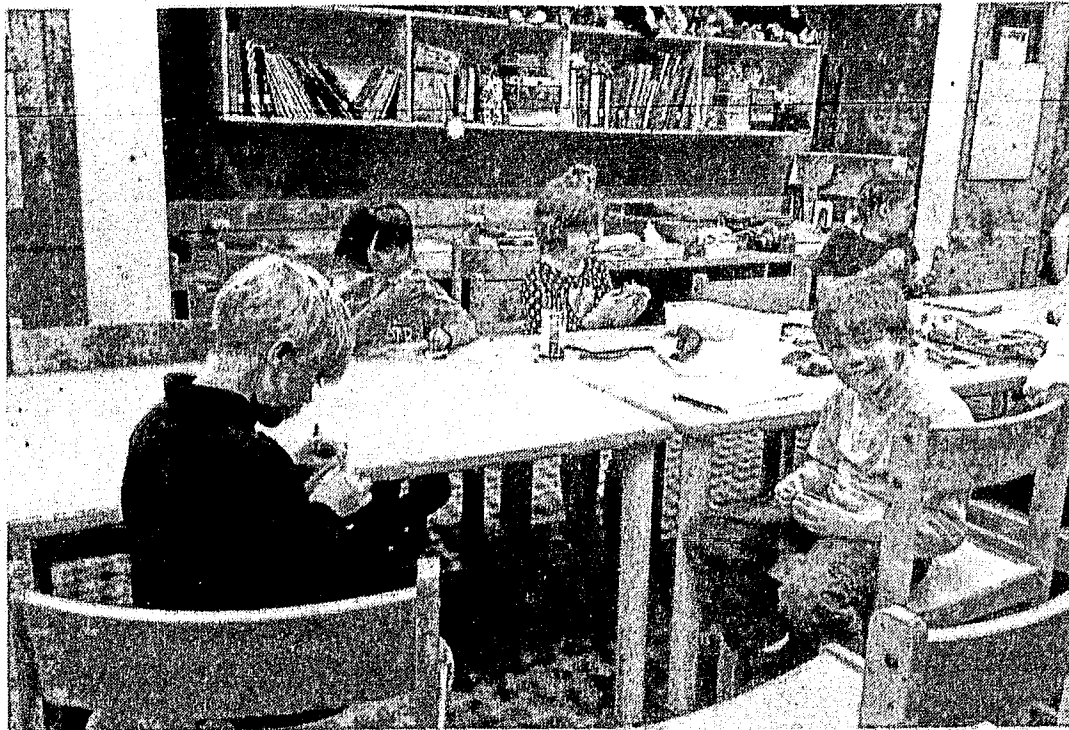
SAVE THE DATES:
MKA presentation of the **Wizard of Oz** - March 27th at 6:00 PM - CPS -
Telstar **STEM Science Fair** - March 28th - 10 - 2 - Mad Science and Chewonki events sponsored by MKA.
MKA Bike Rodeo - Saturday, May 9th as part of the CPS/PTA May Fair.

MKA Summer Adventure Program: Monday June 29th - Friday August 14th.

The summer program planning is coming along with themes, field trips, and programming almost ready to publish. Look for our brochure both on our website and social media by the end of April vacation. As you can see from our pictures this month, we have had a great time with our sewing classes and have offered it to grades 2-5 at this time. Our TMS/THS sites have had fun with archery and we will offer this program again soon. We will offer many more new programs as spring approaches. Follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the exciting events and programming.

Happy Spring!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



MKA kids participating in sewing class. Front: Lucas Barstow, Parker Nellis, Back: Eowyn Schaufler, Jocelyn Nivis, & Jaiden Mitchell.



Tommy LaPointe flashes a smile.



Charles showing his grouping of his arrows during archery.



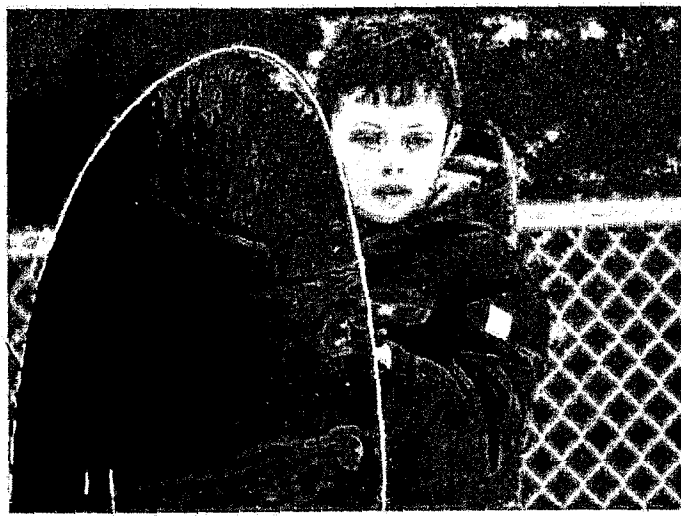
LaNora with a perfect arrow release.



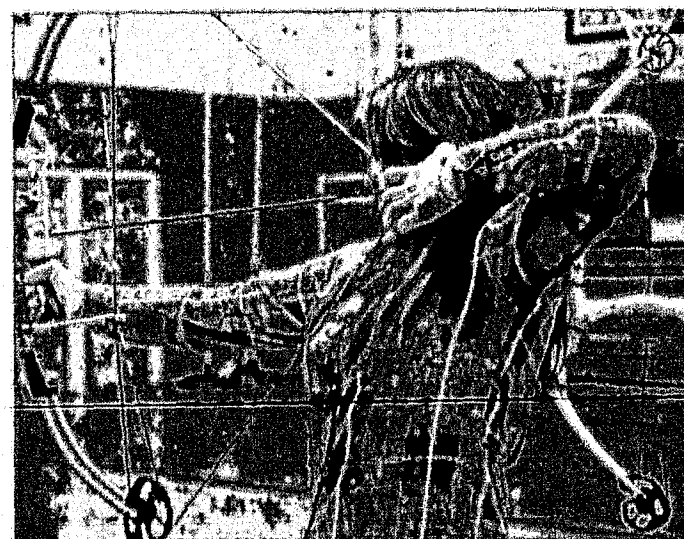
The Healthy Hometown Skiers celebrated a great cross-country ski season with their coach, Karen Wilson.



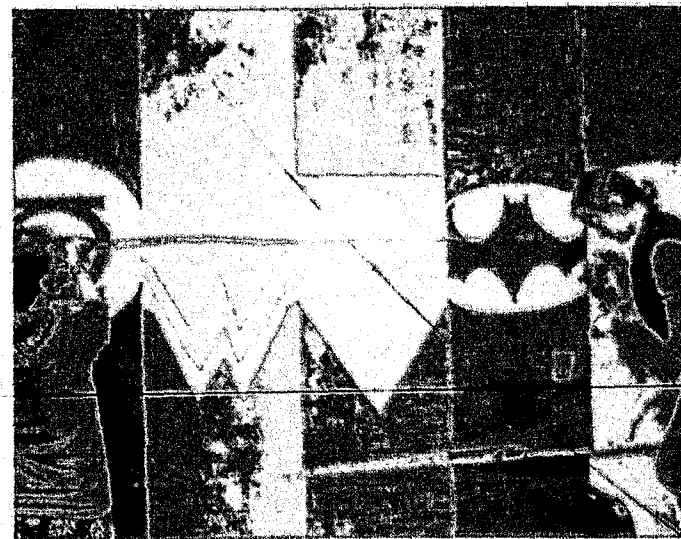
Shelis Chuga enjoys time outside.



Seth Dupuis using a boogie board sled.



Meagan with a great form during archery.



Students creating a giant superhero mural.



Keith and Nancy show off their archery target.

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WMNF meetings on road study

The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. The Forest Service will be hosting three public meetings to gather public input at each of the following locations from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At each of the meetings a presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments.

March 24: Androscoggin Ranger District, 300 Glen Road, Gorham, N.H. (603-466-2713); March 31: Saco Ranger District to be held at Salyards Center for the Arts, 110 Main Street, Conway, N.H. (603-447-5448);

April 8: Pemigewasset Ranger District, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, N.H. (603-536-6100).

The study will analyze all the system roads on the forest for their existing use and characteristics, need for future management activities and public access, benefits, environmental risks and maintenance costs. Every national forest will complete a similar study by 2015.

According to Forest Service officials, the number of overdue road maintenance projects continues to grow, while public use is increasing. Roads that cannot be adequately maintained can be unsafe to visitors and threaten forest ecosystems. "The road study will begin to help us prioritize our limited resources to effectively manage roads used by visitors and the accomplishment of our broad

natural resource management mission," said Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner.

Understanding which forest roads are important and how people use them is a critical part of identifying a sustainable road system. The road study is not a decision, but is intended to help inform future road management planning. Before any future actions are taken, the Forest Service will provide additional opportunities for the public to participate in the process.

Anyone may view maps of roads on the national forest and provide input through an online comment form on the web site at www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain. Hardcopy maps and comment forms are also available for review at each Ranger District office and the Forest Supervisor's office.

AHC&H relocates Norway office

On Feb. 26, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice (AHCH) moved their Norway office to The Golden Arch building located on 39 Main Street (Suite 3) in Norway. AHCH occupies the second floor of The Golden Arch building which also has access to an elevator. For AHCH, a non-profit agency that provides skilled home care, hospice and supportive care for patients in western and central Maine, the move provides improved visibility, better accessibility for families, patients and staff and room to grow.

"The move has provided a better location for our employees who work in Oxford County. It's not only a much larger space compared to what we had before, but it has given us a more comfortable work environment - allowing us to expand our staff and services within the county," stated Gail Castonguay, AHCH Supervisor for

Norway. "We have already been able to add two new staff members to our team of 40, which currently consists of registered nurses, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, home health aides and team assistants. When I started in 1983 there were only 10 staff members working in the Oxford area - it was a very small group."

A community open house and ribbon cutting ceremony has been set for March 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. AHCH will be providing food, refreshments and answers to any questions visitors have. Everyone is welcome to join the Agency in celebrating the new location.

AHCH has been providing services to Oxford County since 1980 with a service coverage area spanning from Brownfield all the way to Hartford totaling 21 towns and communities. On average, the agency provides ser-

vices to 180 patients in Oxford County every year.

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice is a nonprofit, Medicare-certified agency that provides patient centered care that is meaningful, organized, developed, effective, efficient, and has lasting quality. They provide specialized skilled, supportive and hospice services to Maine residents and their families in the comfort of their home and community. In 2005 they opened Maine's first in-patient hospice facility in Auburn - this year, they are recognizing 10 years of caring and compassion at the Hospice House. In 2014, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice cared for over 10,200 patients and their families, providing more than 1.2 million in free care to those in need. For more information on Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice and all of their services, visit their website at www.AHCH.org.

Regular meetings and events

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. (Note: the Bethel meeting has been discontinued until spring)

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (currently discontinued until spring). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at pquilt@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.

Greenwood

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone search-

ing for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzell16@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side Neuro-Rehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

Library hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items: Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Caregiver Support Group; Second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Paris Town Office, 26 Kingsbury Street. This group is for anyone caring for a family member or friend with memory loss. New members may join at any time. Free and open to the public. FMI: SeniorsPlus (1-800-427-1241).

Thursday, March 19

SCORE: Financial Planning for the Start-Up Business; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. This workshop will cover Start-up Financial Planning; Operating in Today's Challenging Economy; Sound Financial Planning; The Importance of Cash Flow and What Lending Institutions are Looking For. Please register no later than March 17. \$20 per person, includes a light lunch. FMI/Registration: <http://conta.cc/1zMMFUT> or 743-0499.

Whitman Memorial Library Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Using old maps and pictures, local surveyor Barry Allen will give a brief history of early New England and Maine surveying, with a special emphasis on the surveying and lotting of the eastern half of the Town of Woodstock, known as the Gorham Academy Grant, based upon the original field notes of the surveyor, James Irish, Jr. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

"Blazing a Path to a Healthier Future" Event; 4 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar High School Library. The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative will hold a special gathering to collectively decide a focus that all can agree on and commit to that will improve life across the county. Free and open to the public. Registration is requested due to limited space. Dinner will be provided. FMI/Registration: Brendan (739-6222).

Friday, March 20

OCEA-R Meeting Changed; Because of difficulties with scheduling, the March 20 meeting of OCEA-R has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 7.

Saturday, March 21

Maine Adaptive Ski-A-Thon; Sunday River Resort. Participants and spectators will gather at Sunday River's Grand Summit Hotel to celebrate a full day of live music, meals and activities including a fun race, games, a costume contest, an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt and over 130 trails of the best skiing and riding in years.

Andover Town Meeting; 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Seed Saving Presentation; 12:30 p.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Mark Silber, well known horticulturist, photographer, author and seed saver will host a talk on seed saving. FMI: Cindy Creps (577-1612) or Patricia Verrill (harvestmoonproduce@gmail.com).

Peter T. Haines Memorial Baked Bean & Ham Supper; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Bethel Lodge, Chapman Street, Bethel. \$8/adults, \$4/children. FMI: Todd Davis (824-8282).

Sunday, March 22

Maine Maple Sunday; The annual event, held every fourth Sunday in the month of March, will take place for the 32nd time. Participating sugarhouses in Maine will be open for visitors to enjoy freshly made maple syrup and candy, demonstrations of syrup production, sugar-bush tours and a variety of other family activities.

Monday, March 23

Woodstock Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at Woodstock Elementary School.

Thursday, March 24

WMNF Road System Study Public Meeting; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Androscoggin Ranger District, 300 Glen Road, Gorham, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. A presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments. FMI: 603-466-2713.

Wednesday, March 25

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch; 12 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. All are invited to a time of fellowship as we share a soup lunch followed by meditation. Set aside an hour in your day for this Lenten event.

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Pat Verrill will present "Growing Vegetables: Varieties and Tips." Free and open to the public.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2269 for more information.

Thursday, March 26

"Talking Transportation" Meeting; 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m., Mexico Town Office, 134 Main Street Mexico. The Maine Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings to seek public comment regarding transportation issues, including public transportation. Input from attendees will help Maine DOT understand the needs of the public and formulate its Long-Range Needs Assessment. This assessment will focus on the next 10 years and project out to 20 years. FMI: Scott Rollins (624-3300).

Saturday, March 28

SAD 44 Science Fair/Expo; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Telstar cafeteria. Students will be offering demonstrations, the sixth grade will be sharing their science fair experiments and there will be several guest speakers! FMI: Kate Slattery (slatterk@sad44.org), Tonya Prentice (prentic@sad44.org), Sarah Southam (southams@sad44.org), or Marle Keane (KeaneM@sad44.org).

"Women Soldiers of the Civil War" Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House. This free event will feature a short film followed by a discussion. Standard histories of the Civil War have framed it as a man's fight, with historical accounts focusing almost exclusively on the men who fought in the 1860s. But there were women who, despite the extraordi-

nary obstructions of the era, also took to the battlefields. Surprisingly, more than 250 documented cases exist of women who served in the ranks of both the Union and Confederate armies dressed as men.

Bethel Rotary's 8th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event; 6 to 8 p.m., White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Sunday, March 29

Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Adults/\$7 (\$8 at the door), Children/\$3. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Maine-Wabanaki REACH Presentation; 1 p.m., Norway Universalist Church. Arla Patch and Cheryl Schaffer, representing the Maine-Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will speak on Truth, Healing and Change. They will present the history, necessity and process of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. FMI: norwayuu@gwi.net.

"Low Commotion" Tuba Concert; 2 p.m., West Paris Library. Formed in 2013, Low Commotion is an ensemble of euphoniums (tenor tubas) and full sized tubas performing music from jazz and rock to classical. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the concert. FMI: 674-2004.

Monday, March 30

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 31

"Modern Mideast: Power and Politics" Presentation; 4:30 to 6 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Retired CIA officer Ed Knox of Brunswick will explore the realities of power in the modern Mideast. This program is part of Western Mountain Senior College's Down Home Maine Series. Free and open to the public.

WMNF Road System Study Public Meeting; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saco Ranger District, Salyards Center for the Arts, 110 Main Street, Conway, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. A presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments. FMI: 603-447-5448.

Wednesday, April 1

Bethel Senior Citizens Club RSVP Deadline; See April 8 listing for details.

WMSC Brown Bag Lunch Discussion; Bethel Inn Library. Retired CIA officer Ed Knox of Brunswick will lead a discussion centered on two over-arching questions about our society: Who are we? What sort of people are we? Free and open to the public. Please RSVP by March 27 in order to help with setting up the space. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110).

"Talking Transportation" Meeting; 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m., Bridgton Town Office, 3 Chase Street, Bridgton. The Maine Department of Transportation is holding a series of public meetings to seek public comment regarding transportation issues, including public transportation. Input from attendees will help Maine DOT understand the needs of the public and formulate its Long-Range Needs Assessment. This assessment will focus on the next 10 years and project out to 20 years. FMI: Scott Rollins (624-3300).

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jessica Badone will present "Designing with Perennials." Free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 4

Easter Egg Hunt; 9 a.m., West Paris Library. Open to toddlers through first graders. There will be a gift for each child in addition to the eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. FMI: 674-2004.

Circus Olé! And Feast of Fools; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Community Forum, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases a spectacle of performance while proving a circus does not need live animals to thrill and entertain. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art - a community collective founded by Rijah Newell that uses recycled materials to build puppets and street theater to illuminate social and environmental issues. \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. FMI Tickets: www.circus-ole.com or Ringmaster Rijah Newell (rijahnnewell@gmail.com or 890-0545).

Sunday, April 5

Easter Services; Locke's Mills Union Church. Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., Easter breakfast at 7 a.m. and regular service at 9 a.m.

Easter Services At North Waterford/Stoneham Churches; The churches of Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) will join the members of the Waterford Congregational Church, under the leadership of Rev. Petra Smythe, for a sunrise service at the Town Beach at Keoka Lake, Route 35 in Waterford Flat, followed by breakfast at the Wilkins House. Easter services will be held at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's. All are welcome!

Monday, April 6

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Beginner Adult Tap; Crescent Park School. Have you ever wanted to learn to tap, but never got to do it? This is your chance to learn... come join us and let's Shuffle Off to Buffalo. \$60.

Bridget Whitman uses a graded system when she teaches dance and it starts at the beginning and moves to next level. She does tap barre-center floor combinations...and more.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion topic: Climate Change, Part II: What Can We Do Collectively and Personally? Moderator: John Howe. Light refreshments and coffee provided. FMI and weather updates: 583-6957.

Tuesday, April 7

OCEA-R Meeting (Rescheduled from March 20); 10:30 a.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. The meal will be served by OHCHS culinary arts students.

MLT Open House Celebration; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Ma-

hoosuc Land Trust Office, Route 2, Bethel. Volunteers from the working committees of the MLT will share their work and promote an understanding of how volunteers fit into their activities. FMI: 824-3806 or www.mahoosuc.org.

Formal Public Meeting on Androscoggin River Bridge; 6 p.m., Bethel Town Office. MDOT representatives will listen to concerns, receive comments and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the future rehabilitation of the Androscoggin River Bridge in Bethel.

Wednesday, April 8

Pinterest Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Whitney Moreau with Nancy Marshall Communications will walk attendees through the basics of Pinterest, teaching how to create a profile and optimize it for traffic, strategies for surpassing competition, successful content creation and more. \$25 for members of any chambers of commerce and business associations that serve Oxford County and \$30 for nonprofits, businesses and others that are not a chamber member. To register for the workshop go to www.wmedc.org and click on Events or contact Mia Purcell at Community Concepts Finance Corporation, 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting/Luncheon; 11:10 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Rooster's Roadhouse. Menu: Yankee pot roast or fish. \$13 per person. RSVP before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your food choice. The April program will be a presentation from the Bethel Senior College.

WMNF Road System Study Public Meeting; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Pemigewasset Ranger District, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. A presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments. FMI: 603-536-6100.

"Your Backyard Dream Gets Real" Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Gould Academy senior Max Southam will share the story of planning and executing biking the 2,700 mile Continental Divide from Banff, Canada to Antelope Well, N.M. This presentation is part of Mahoosuc Land Trust's "This is Your Backyard" series. FMI: 824-3806 or www.mahoosuc.org.

Thursday, April 9

Ballroom Dancing; Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time with instructor Bridget Whitman. Tuition: \$75/couple, \$35/single. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

Saturday, April 11

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

Tuesday, April 14

"Blame it on the Brain" Presentation on Adolescents; 6 to 7 p.m., Mountain Valley High School. Karen Williams, MSSW will offer a free presentation about how the adolescent brain works and ways we can help our teenagers grow and stay resilient, confident and happy.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety - Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Monday, April 27

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Friday, May 1

Animal Communication Talk/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to share), 7 p.m. talk, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about animal communication. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

Saturday, May 2

Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half-price. FMI: 824-2073.

Sunday, May 3

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser; 2 to 5 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Music by the Shadage Ramblers.

Wednesday, May 6

Vote on Proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology Budget; Region 9 School of Applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico.

Saturday, May 9

Hope Association Spring Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: Sally Theriault (364-4561).

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegardenflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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XIZ EPFTO'U UIF FMFQIBOU

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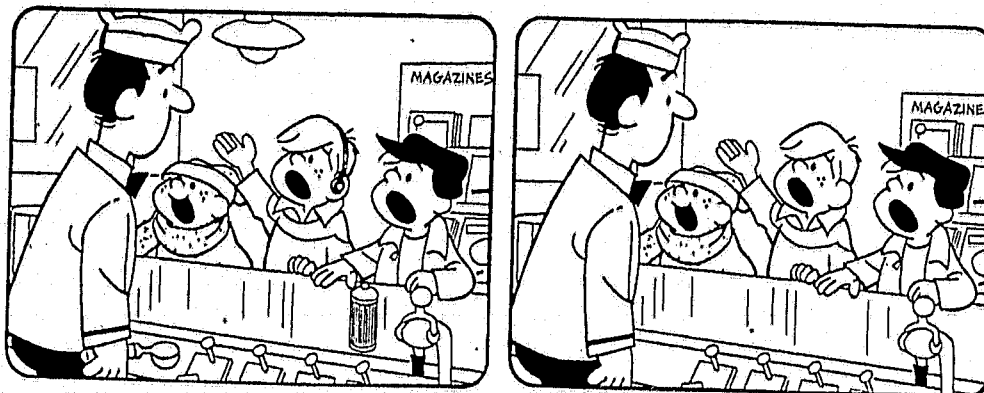
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For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Cap is different. 2. Scoop is missing. 3. Light is missing.
4. Headset is missing. 5. Straw holder is missing. 6. Rack is lower.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals Y

SR M TSXH CQJGSYC QDSWTC
JWGYX M LSIXFCIFZY, S CJZZFCY
KFJ IFJHG IMHH DYX M
LMTWSRKSWT HMCC.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Explode
RALFE
Alert
TIFONY
Mollify
CLAM
Buffer
INCHOUS

TODAY'S WORD



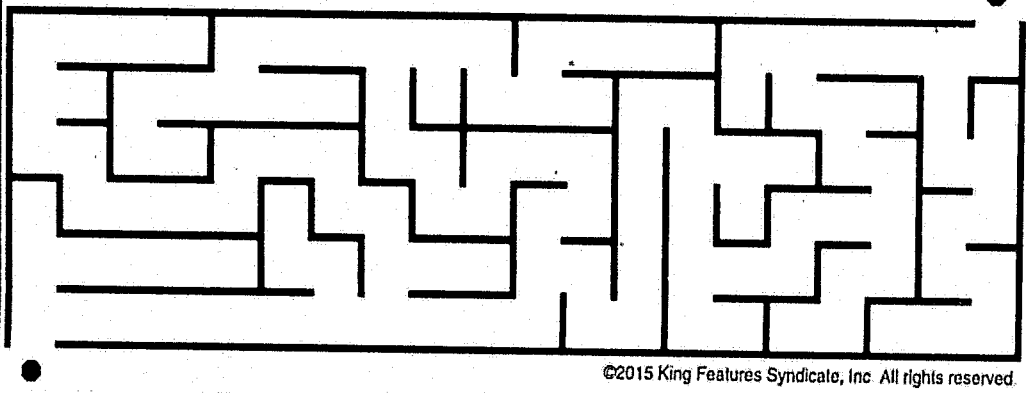
"At least my ex-wife isn't bugging me for anymore!"

Super Crossword

SOUL RESCUER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sop up
 - 7 Liquor
 - 14 Spins
 - 20 "Amen to that!"
 - 21 Actress
 - 22 Abate
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Batter's miss
 - 26 Do wrong
 - 27 Pol with a six-yr. post
 - 28 Me, to Michel
 - 29 Riddle, part 2
 - 31 Pinchpenny
 - 33 Sue
 - 34 Gratification for Noose
 - 35 Steak order
 - 36 Riddle, part 3
 - 42 Food holder
 - 45 Goddess with a cow's head
 - 47 McCartney of fashion
 - 48 Kailua Bay locale
 - 50 Scam
 - 51 Agree (with)
 - 54 "Yoo—!"
 - 55 Paintball need
 - 57 Circus clown
 - 59 Riddle, part 4
 - 63 Big-top star
 - 64 DiFranco of folk rock
 - 65 More spiteful
 - 66 "We need assistance!"
 - 69 Used a daggerlike weapon on
 - 73 B followers
 - 74 Wife of Mark
 - 75 Antony
 - 78 Consented to
 - 79 "Nick and
 - 83 Riddle, part 5
 - 89 Wasp variety
 - 90 Suffering
 - 91 Capote, to his buddies
 - 92 With 77
 - 94 Freezer
 - 95 TV's Spelling
 - 97 Camera lens settings
 - 100 Exec's benefit
 - 101 Ohio tire city
 - 103 Riddle, part 6
 - 107 Sitarist
 - 109 Org. for teachers
 - 110 Coin toss call
 - 111 End of the riddle
 - 115 Lucy of "Kill Bill: Vol. 1"
 - 118 — League college
 - 119 Toward a boat's back
 - 122 Makes glad
 - 123 Riddle's answer
 - 127 Declare under oath
 - 128 Source of licorice-flavored oil
 - 129 More prying
 - 130 Sports team
 - 131 Red (many Republicans)
 - 132 Modus operandi
 - 10 Another name for vitamin A
 - 11 Suffix with fool or owl
 - 12 Fearsome fly
 - 13 "Don't — didn't warn you!"
 - 14 Inventor Nikola
 - 15 Radiator hoses may lead to them
 - 16 Haifa's land
 - 17 Harness part
 - 18 Leia's twin
 - 19 Spurt out
 - 24 "No — to blame"
 - 30 — little kindness
 - 31 Capital of Oman
 - 32 Alternative to a 401(k) or a Keogh
 - 34 Envision
 - 36 [not my error]
 - 37 "Time — the essence"
 - 38 Flake part
 - 39 Inert element
 - 40 Pipe problem
 - 41 Ringing sound
 - 43 — acid (vinegar flavorer)
 - 44 Added (up)
 - 45 Not broken
 - 49 Zeus' sister and wife
 - 52 Stage actress
 - 53 Pirate's quaff
 - 56 Syllabus segment
 - 58 Gym floor covering
 - 60 Put in a different sack
 - 61 Mortgage-issuing inst.
 - 62 Ewok's forest moon
 - 66 "El Cid" co-star Loren
 - 67 Five — shadow
 - 68 Person eyeballing
 - 70 Pirate chant
 - 71 Artist Georgia
 - 72 Ultimately reach
 - 75 Author Rand
 - 76 From Harari
 - 77 See 92
 - 80 Lightning — Across
 - 81 Heady drink
 - 82 "We need assistance!"
 - 84 Small branch
 - 85 Ending for major
 - 86 Yankees slugger, to fans
 - 87 It's often preheated
 - 88 Nonflowering plant
 - 93 Sun setting
 - 96 Sortie, say
 - 98 Most musty
 - 99 Fishbowl pest
 - 102 Speaks bombastically
 - 104 Recite ritually, as a spell
 - 105 Large sofas
 - 106 Air Force pilot, in slang
 - 108 Three-piece pieces
 - 111 Ringing sound
 - 112 Choir range
 - 113 Slum vermin
 - 114 "Pretty — pretty does"
 - 116 Notion, to Jean-Luc
 - 117 "Deutschland — alles"
 - 119 Landed (on)
 - 120 Cut and run
 - 121 Time in office
 - 124 By the agency of
 - 125 Football field units. Abbr.
 - 126 Letter for Superman

Kids' Maze

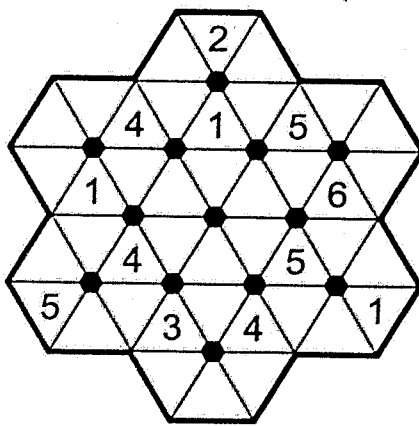


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

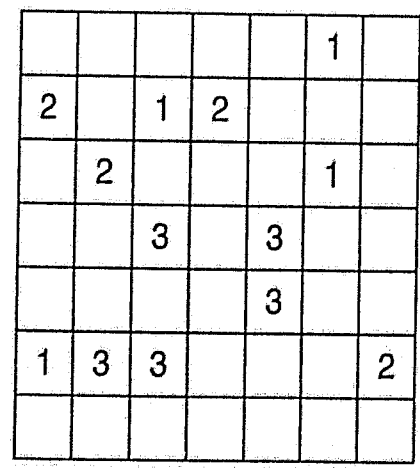
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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

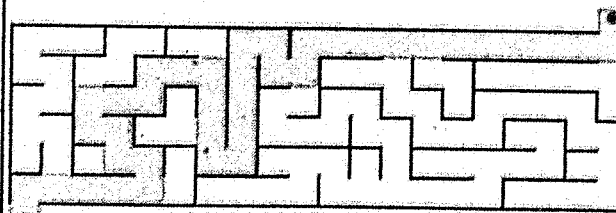
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

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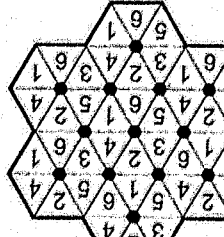


Kids' Maze Solution

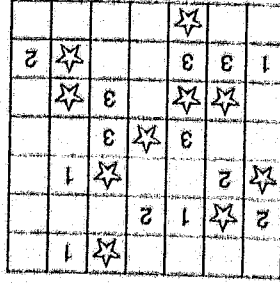
ALIMONY
Today's Word
1. Flare; 2. Notify; 3. Calm; 4. Cushion
solution
If a girl studies things under a microscope, suppose you could call her a **microscopist**.
answer

CryptoQuip

Answers
Puzzles4Kids
Why doesn't the elephant use a computer?
Because it's afraid of the mouse.



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MLT: Your Backyard Dream Gets Real

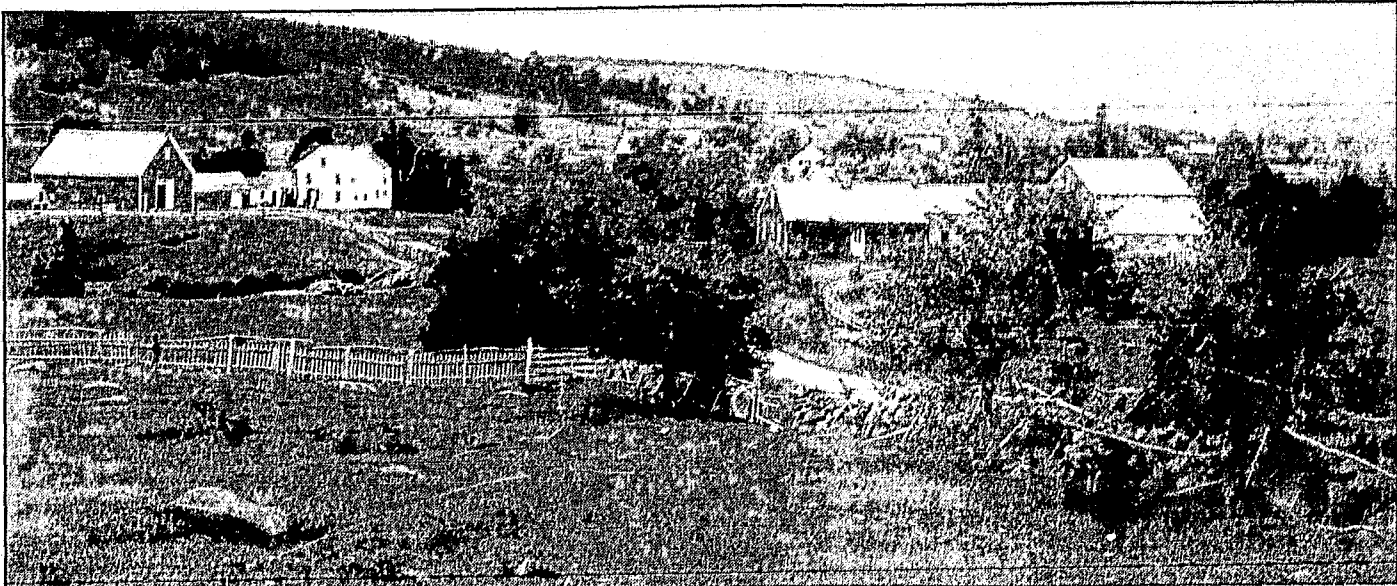


April's installment in the Mahoosuc Land Trust's "This Is Your Backyard" speaker series will feature a young man from our own neighborhood, Max Southam, who will share how "Your Backyard Dream Gets Real."

Max began biking at the age of four. He is now a senior at Gould Academy and has been a four-year member of the mountain biking and road biking teams. Wanting to do something epic for his Senior 4 Point, Max started to research doing the Tour Divide, a 2700 mile mountain bike race that starts in Banff, Canada and ends in Antelope Wells, N.M.

During the summer of 2014, Max realized this dream as he and his father Peter biked the Continental Divide. Max will share the story of planning and executing this adventure on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in McLaughlin Auditorium on the Gould Academy Campus. Please come and be inspired by how Max lived this dream.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.



EAST BETHEL FARMS-This photo was taken around 1890 and shows the "Kimball neighborhood" in East Bethel (near Bean's Corner). The farm on the left was built right after the Civil War by John Decatur Hastings. The house and barn on the right were built by Moses F. Kimball and purchased by Fred B. Howe in 1883. He replaced the house and barn in 1901 and 1909, respectively. Both farmsteads are occupied by descendants of the two families today. *Bethel Historical Society*

'Blame it on the Brain' presentation on adolescents

Join us for a free presentation about how the adolescent brain works and ways we can help our teenagers grow and stay resilient, confident and happy, on Tuesday, April 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford.

This presentation is designed for anyone who works with youth, including parents, teachers, coaches, coalition members, staff and nurses. The workshop will provide a deeper understanding about how unaddressed anxiety, stress and

trauma can trigger a host of preventable mental and behavioral health issues including addiction, depression, self-harm, violence and bullying to name a few. It can help you, and your community, understand how the adolescent brain works, while addressing ways to build environments and systems, and use the right tools to help our teenagers grow and stay resilient, confident and happy, and avoid the pitfalls that can limit their future success.

Karen Williams, MSSW, is

a writer and speaker known for her ability to explain the latest neuroscience and apply it to real life. Her current focus is on three areas: brain development and behavior; the impact of substances, stress, trauma and traumatic brain injury on development and behavior; and the developmental readiness of youth to protect themselves. Her presentations and workshops are based on the research of many leaders in the field of brain and youth studies.

She is the developer of the

brain-based SAMHSA Model Program curriculum Protecting You/Protecting Me, and the "brain-friendly and trauma-informed" Positive Behavior in School and Society (PBSS), a joint project of Rainbow Days, Inc. and AT&T. She is the recipient of the 2012 Mental Health America of Greater Dallas Prism Award and a consultant to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) State Training and Technical Assistance Center (STTAC).

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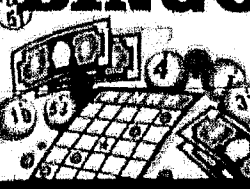
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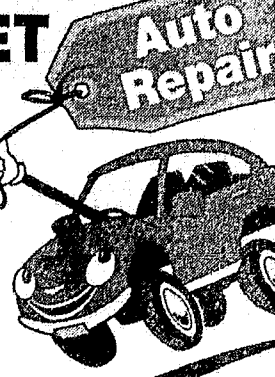
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Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

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Obituaries



NEIL R. ELDER

Neil Robert Elder, age 72 of Paris, passed away suddenly of natural causes Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at his home.

Neil was born in Everett, Mass. on Sept. 19, 1942, the son of Neil Alexander and Bertha (Canfield) Elder. Growing up in Everett he attended local schools, graduating from Everett High School in 1960. He then attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was a proud member of Phi Mu Delta and served as the fraternity treasurer. His 35 year banking career started at Middlesex Bank in Massachusetts. In 1976, Neil furthered his education at the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Neil and his family moved to Maine in 1977 after he accepted a position at Oxford Bank and Trust. He retired in 2000 while serving as Senior Vice President. After retirement, he joined Community Concepts, where he was in charge of the

Microenterprise program for several years.

Neil was very community oriented. While living in Massachusetts, he was an active member of Rotary International and the Jaycees. His dedication to community continued in Maine, where he became a pillar of the Oxford Hills community, serving on numerous boards and committees. He was a member of the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club for over 20 years. He was an active member and Past President of the Paris Hill Country Club. In recent years, he was a dedicated volunteer of SCORE where he served as District Director for the State of Maine from 2009-2011, and currently served as Treasurer of the Oxford Hills Chapter.

While at UMass Amherst, Neil met Mary Wilcox who became his wife. Together they raised two boys, and enjoyed playing golf together as a family and being involved in youth sports. They shared a passion for New England sports teams. He was an avid fan throughout every season. Neil and Mary also loved to travel and had enjoyed many adventures in locations such as Bermuda, Italy, Greece, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland and Scotland. He was proud to have played a round of golf at the Old Course at St. Andrews without losing a ball. On Jan. 23, Neil and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Above all, family was

very important to Neil. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Richard Elder and his wife Monica of Edgecomb, and their daughters Hannah and Gretchen, and Steven Elder and his wife Shari of North Yarmouth, and their daughters Alexis and Kendra. Neil was very proud of his four granddaughters and their achievements and accomplishments. He enjoyed attending their various activities including sporting events, plays, and dance recitals.

Neil leaves behind one sister, Barbara Sowerwine and her husband, Richard of Navarre, Fla. Growing up, Barbara and Neil spent their summers at their parents' farmhouse in Arundel and enjoyed many summer days in the waters at Gooches Beach in Kennebunk. He is also survived by a sister-in-law Linda Wilcox MacPhail, two nieces, two nephews and eight grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law and friend John MacPhail. He also leaves behind his dear lifelong friend Bob Milley and his wife Janet, who Neil and Mary introduced to one another during their UMass days.

The family received friends Monday, March 16 at the Chandler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris, where a memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday. If desired, contributions in Neil's memory can be made to The SCORE Foundation, 1175 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 900, Herndon, Va. 20170, or to Stephens Memorial Hospital, Office of Development and Community Relations, 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268. Condolences can be expressed to the family by visiting www.chandlerfunerals.com.

KEITH H. HODSDON

Keith Harvey Hodsdon, 86, died peacefully with his family by his side on Feb. 24, 2015 at the Mayo Regional Hospital. Keith was born in 1928 in Lynn, Mass., the son of Harold and Millie Hodsdon of Andover.

He grew up in Saugus, Mass., but spent summers with his beloved grandparents in Andover. A de-

voted husband and father, he always had a dream and a project. Once a goal was achieved, Keith moved on to the next one inspiring his children and those around him to persevere with high aspirations. His friendly, sparkling eyes were indicative of a full, adventure-filled life. From his earliest jobs of ice harvesting and firewood deliveries in his Model A truck, he was no stranger to hard work.

Keith, his brother Ray and their father helped build an overhead T-bar lift on Lone Mountain in Andover in 1944, and Keith's ski team won the state championship. This lifelong love of skiing led Keith and his family to build Ski W in Fryeburg where he held various positions as a Groomer, Ski School Director and Ski Patrol Member at King Pine Ski Area and Pleasant Mountain.

In earlier years, dairy farming brought his family to Hodsdon's Dairy in Vienna where he made milk route deliveries. An avid outdoorsman, he loved spending time with his family at camp, owning and operating Tim Pond Camps and Chair-back Mountain Camps. His interests varied from woodworking, building cedar strip canoes, making his own harnesses for dogsledding, working with farm equipment, horses and watching horse pulling at local fairs. An accomplished musician, he played the drums, piano, banjo and mandolin sometimes joining in with various groups and bluegrass jams.

A charter member of the Bethel Farmer's Market, he and his wife Shirley sold vegetables alongside another couple, Norma and Frank Withers. When both Keith and Norma found themselves alone, it seemed natural to join forces and continue on as one at Hodsdon's Running Brook Farm in West Bethel with their beef cattle, vegetables and maple syrup business.

Whether flying in a float plane, fly fishing or flying off a ski jump, Keith lived life to the fullest. His quiet presence, gentle wisdom and fatherly guidance have impacted generations of young people who are now following in his footsteps. In his words, "Work hard, be

honest, set a goal and find a way to do it. Don't quit." Keith was predeceased by his daughter, Allyson Hodsdon; his wife, Shirley Foote Hodsdon; his son, Joel Hodsdon; his grandson, Stephen Bowers; his daughter-in-law, Patricia Byam and his brother, Ray Hodsdon of Charlottesville, Va.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Norma Hodsdon; his children, Brenda and Bob Giles of Morrilton, Fla., Jeffrey and Rachel Hodsdon of East Wilton, Timothy Hodsdon and David Sanders of Denver, Colo., Wayne and Nanon Foote of Bangor and Gary and CJ Foote of Tamworth, N.H.

Grandchildren include Jeffrey McCarthy, Brooke Barboza, Jacob Hodsdon, Caleb Hodsdon, Leigh Lauck, Jennifer Froedge, Elizabeth Mayhew, Jennifer Rivers, Erica White, Lowell Smith, Tyler Hodsdon and Keri Foote-Vincent.

Great-Grandchildren include Tennessee and Wyatt Barboza, Will Holt, Jasmine and Shawn Froedge, Taylor and Colby White, Emily Rivers and Gage and Tavin Vincent.

He is also survived by Norma's children, Robyn and Percy McInnis of Bryant Pond, Susan and Louis Dickson of Dresden, Tim Byam of Mahopac, N.Y., Benjamin and Samantha Byam of Rumford Point, Barbara and Scott Raymond of Parkman and Jennifer and Robert Mains of Westbrook.

Grandchildren include Mandy Chantasiri, Michelle Myers, Steven Byam, Kimberly Marone, Jonah, Julien and Melina Byam, Joshua, Jeremy, Victoria, Nathaniel, and Josiah Raymond, and Jamie and Jessica Mains.

Great-Grandchildren include Lucas, Noah, Elijah, Caleb and Grace Chantasiri, Mackayla and Mackenzie Byam, Moby and Oliver Myers, Anthony and Johnny Marrone, and Rainah Dennison.

A Graveside Service for Keith will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover on June 6, 2015 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with his brother, Ray's service, and with a reception following at the First Congregational Church in Andover.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mahoosuc Land Trust, P.O. Box 981, Bethel, Maine 04217.

THOMAS H. HILLS

Thomas H. Hills, 65, of Portland, died on Friday, March 13, 2015 at his home. He was the loving husband of Judith (Lavenberg) Hills.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1949 in Mt. Kisco, N.Y.,

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a son of the late Herbert J. and Paula (Fleischer) Hills.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his son Leonard Benjamin Hills of Hanover, N.H. and his daughter Sarah Beth Hills of Gorham. He also leaves four siblings, Beverly Hills, Judy Scully, Stanley Hills and Julie Fairclough.

A private memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to: Cancer Community Center, 778 Main Street, South Portland, Maine 04106.

Births

BROWN

Jessica Mills and Steven Brown of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Thomas Eugene Brown, born on Feb. 9, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Debra Mills of Albany and Ronnie Mills of Rumford.

Paternal grandparents are Katey and Eugene Brown of Lovell.

Thomas joins a sister, Katelynn, 10, and a brother, Alexander, 17.

MCBRIDE

Daniel James McBride and Emily Merrill McBride of North Pole, Alaska, would like to announce the birth of their son, Tiberius James on Feb. 19, 2015 at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds 8 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are John and Julie Merrill of Andover and North Pole, Alaska.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Robyn McBride of Wasilla, Alaska.

Maternal Great-grandparents are Richard and Polly Johnston of Spanaway, Wash., formerly of Andover, and Eugene and Ethelene Merrill, (deceased) of South Andover.

He joins his very excited sister, Amelia Maenette.

MERRILL

Jared and Lydia Merrill would like to announce the birth of their son, Elijah Logan on Sept. 22, 2014 in Portland, Ore. He weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Paternal Grandparents are John and Julie Merrill of Andover and North Pole, Alaska.

Maternal Grandparents are Rev. Pavel and Natalia Fefelov of Canby, Ore.

Great grandparents are Richard and Polly Johnston of Spanaway, Wash., formerly of Andover, and Eugene and Ethelene Merrill (deceased) of South Andover.

Elijah is their first child.

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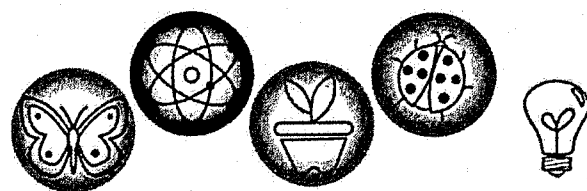
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